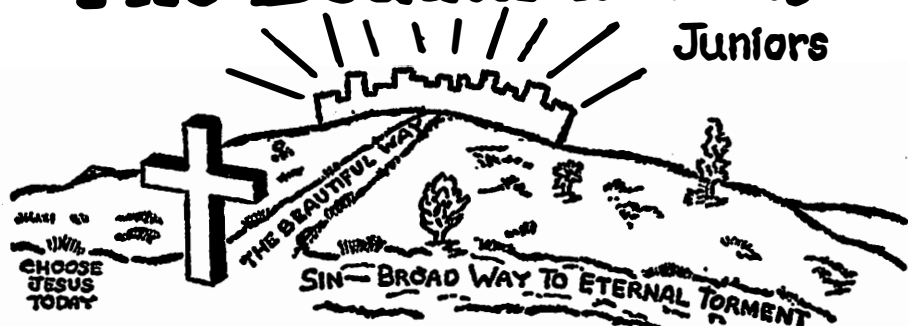


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Part One

July 4

Christ, The Foundation

God built a temple great and fair
To house the souls of men;
He exercised the greatest care
To make it true within.

Thus did He choose a Precious Stone
One tried and proven true,
A Rock to lay this house upon;
None else could ever do.

This Rock was Christ in whom we
trust,

Oh, keep yours eyes on Him!
And when this life shall turn to dust
Your hope shall not be dim.

—Leslie Busbee

"It Worked!"*

"Sister Miles, what is your conscience?" asked Della.

"Your conscience is that knowledge within you that makes you know or have a feeling of what is right and what is wrong. In other words, if

you know that it is wrong to steal or take something that does not belong to you and you take it, there is a feeling in you that makes you feel guilty. Also there is a fear that goes along with it that makes you want to cover up and not let everyone know that you stole that thing. That feeling within you is your conscience making you know that you have done wrong," Sister Miles said as she picked up her Bible and purse from her seat in the chapel. "Why did you want to know what conscience meant?"

"Larry told me that I didn't have any conscience," Della said.

"What made him say that?" asked Sister Miles.

"I don't like to tell but I guess I shouldn't have done it but I hit Rachel because she kept running up and hitting me in the back. Larry didn't know why I hit her but he came up just after I hit her and said I didn't have any conscience to hit on someone smaller than I am," Della said, blushing.

"Well, dear, it is better to take some things than to hit back," Sis.

*parable

Miles said. "It takes two to make a quarrel or fuss. I don't suppose it hurt too badly, did it?"

"No, but a person gets tired of it," Della said. "My little sister at home is always hitting me, too."

"Let me tell you something to do," Sister Miles said. "Don't hit your sister back but think of something nice to do for her instead. Let's try it and see how it works. The next time I see you I am going to ask you how it works. I am sure you will find that she will soon quit hitting you."

Some time went by before Sister Miles saw Della but when she did, the first thing Della said, with a face that just beamed, was, "It worked! My little sister has forgotten about hitting me. It surely makes things much nicer at home, too. Even Mother said the other day that she was so glad that my little sister and I got along so much better than we used to. I didn't say anything because I know now that it had been my fault."

"Oh, I am so happy about that," Sister Miles said. "I am sure you have a good conscience now, don't you?"

"Oh, yes, that is right," Della said. "I like the better feeling that I have now than what I used to have."

"Oh, I know you do. It makes you feel so badly after you have hit your little sister until she cried even if she did hit you first," Sister Miles said. "Little sisters like to be noticed and that was the reason she hit you. Now she has found out that you notice and love her without her hitting you. I am glad you have a good conscience. If you had continued to act the way you had been, your conscience would have been seared and you would not want to change."

"How can your conscience get seared?" asked Della as she thought about what Mother called searing the meat by putting it in hot grease and turning it over quickly.

"Well, the Bible says, 'Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.' (1 Tim. 4:2). That would mean some who had told lies so much that they could tell a lie and not even feel badly about it. When a person first begins to tell lies he can't look someone square in the eyes and tell it, but after he tells lies for some time he can just look a person right in the face and tell a lie as if it were the truth. His conscience is seared. It doesn't hurt him any more and he doesn't have a guilty feeling. If a guilty feeling arises, it is quickly turned away. It is an awful thing to have a seared conscience. God can't talk to one who has a seared conscience very easily. Sometimes God has to let a person like that get into some real trouble or maybe in an accident before he can talk to him."

"I wouldn't want my conscience to get seared," said Della.

"No, you wouldn't. That is the reason I am glad that you have found out that it is better to do nice things to those who do you wrong before it becomes a habit and easy for you to do wrong," said Sister Miles. "You want to keep a tender conscience. When you do do wrong and feel guilty you need to correct that wrong immediately and ask God to forgive you and help you to do right. The Lord will help you. When your conscience is tender you will even have a feeling of guilt when a thought comes to you to do wrong. You want to listen to the Lord talking to you and do the right thing and not the wrong."

"That is what I am going to do,"
said Della.

—M. Miles

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CORRECTION

In the May 23rd paper there was a mistake. We did say that the tabernacle had a Holy Place and a Most Holy Place but in other places we referred to the Ark as having these places. Please be sure that you understand this. The Ark of the Covenant was put in the Most Holy place in the tabernacle.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

To live is a serious business. You may feel that all there is to life is to get up in the morning, eat and go to school; come home and do some work and then go to bed. But life is more than just that. You are making a foundation now for your life in the future. None of us know how long we will live in this world but we all know that we will die and live in eternity. It is how we live here and lay the foundation for

our life that determines where we will live in eternity. It is important that you lay a good foundation so you can build a strong life for God here in this world.

In making a foundation for a building here you use rock, sand, steel rods, cement and water. We will compare this to the foundation of our life. Sand and rock have the same substances in them so we will just call that one. The Bible teaches us that the rock is Christ. Matt. 16:18. We must have Christ to redeem and deliver us from the sins that we committed. The steel rods will stand for the Word of God or the Bible. Remember how Moses used the rod at different times? When he stretched the rod out over the Red Sea, it parted and the people went through on dry ground. We need the Word of God in the foundation of our life. It is our map. We also need the water which in John 7:38-41 speaks of the Holy Spirit as rivers of water. The Holy Spirit is our guide and gives us power to live up to what the Bible teaches. We need Love which is the cement. God is love and it is love that brought Jesus here to this world to die on the cross for us. It is His love that broke our hearts and caused us to repent. Therefore we have love in our hearts for Him and all of His people as well as everyone in the world.

Now we must have in the foundation of our life, Christ, Word of God, love, and the Holy Spirit. Mix them all together and we will be ready to build a good building here in this life for God. It will stand the judgment shock. We will be ready to meet God.

Some people do not build a strong foundation. Our lesson brings out how they have strife, envying and divisions. That kind of a life will not bring good to anyone or to the person who has

these things in it. What does strife mean? It means conflict, quarrel, enmity, and war. In James 3:16 it says, "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." What makes you want to quarrel? How do you feel inside when you are quarreling? How does one look in the face when he is quarreling? What kind of words do they use? Do they sometimes say things that they are sorry about? Do you have any envy? That will cause people to do awful things. Do you remember that it caused Joseph's brothers to sell him as a slave?

We want to become a "new creature" and live a new life which is built on a good foundation. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, July 4, 1965

FOUNDATIONS

1 Cor. 3:3b-11; 2 Cor. 5:14-17

1 Cor. 3:3b For whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For we are labourers together with

God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Memory Verse: For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11.

Central Thought: Unless you start building right, you will not end up right.

QUESTIONS:

1. What do we need in making a good foundation for our life?

2. How do we become a "new creature?"

3. What do envying and strife mean?

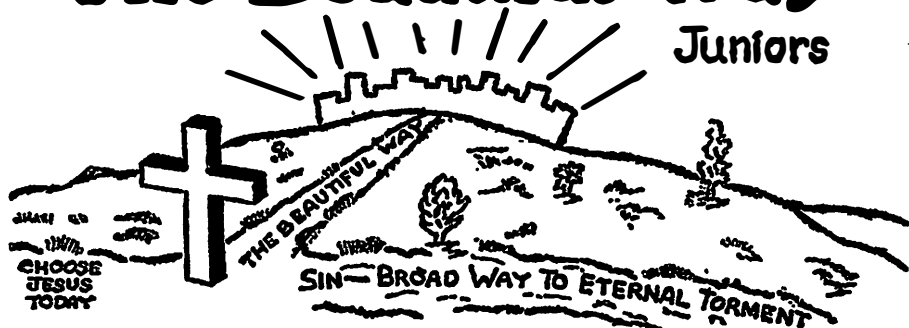
4. Who gave the increase after Paul planted the gospel?

5. Who will receive a reward?

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What We Build on Jesus

No other foundation laid

Than our dear Saviour and King;

For us a way has been made,

Let us take heed what we bring.

What are you building on Him?

Jesus, the Foundation Stone:

Things that will crumble and dim,

Vanish, and leave you alone?

Things that will ever endure:

Faith, kindness, meekness and love;

Give us a hope that is sure

Pointing to mansions above.

—Leslie Busbee

Make It Right

"I'll be over this afternoon and we will all go down to the creek and go boat riding," Jerry said as he left Bill. "You ask some of the other boys to be at your house and we will all walk down together."

It was a fine summer day and was just such an afternoon that would

make a boat ride on the creek a good thing. Soon five boys were together and walking down the road to the creek. They were having a good time chatting and throwing rocks at fence posts and tree tops. Once they saw a rabbit jump up where one of the rocks had fallen.

When they reached the creek the boat was soon untied and they were all in it. They took turns rowing as it would get tiresome for one. They rowed down the creek for at least a half a mile. They enjoyed seeing the big fish swimming out in the deeper waters. After rowing down the creek and under the railroad tracks, one of the boys said, "Let us go over into Mr. Cook's watermelon patch and get us a watermelon."

"We had better not as we will get into trouble if we do," Ronnie said.

"Oh, we won't get into trouble," David said. "We can sneak right down by those bushes and then cut up through the berry patch and be right in close to the watermelons."

Now with the boys was one who had a mother and father who had taught him what was right and what

was wrong. Nathan knew that it would be stealing to take watermelons without asking. He knew that if his parents were to find it out that he would be punished severely for doing wrong and he knew that they would make him go right to Mr. Cook and make it right. He didn't want to have anything to do with stealing watermelons. He didn't know what to do. He was with the other boys and he knew that they would laugh at him if he didn't go along with them. He wanted to be like them so he did not say anything.

One of the boys said that Mr. Cook had a lot of melons and he wouldn't care if they took some. As the boys got out of the boat Nathan got out with them. Soon he was sneaking along the bushes with them and up through the berry patch and soon was right in the watermelon field. "Now, everyone get a watermelon because we will only eat the hearts out of them. Some of them might not be good," whispered Bill. They all got one and hurried back to the boat. They got in and rowed away as fast as they could. They took turns and soon were a mile or more down the creek. They stopped when they came to a place where they could get close to the bank under some trees with limbs that hung way over the water. They took out their pocket knives and soon were eating watermelon.

Nathan ate some watermelon, too, and soon forgot all about it being wrong to steal and that he would have to make it right. He was sure that no one had seen them and now he felt easier since he knew his parents would not find it out. After eating the watermelon they rowed on down to where they tied the boat and walked back toward home. They

parted and Nathan went to his home. That night when the family was gathered around having worship Nathan didn't feel so good. He knew he had done wrong that day. He knew he had stolen and that the Bible said it was a sin. He felt a guilt upon his heart that he wished was not there. He wished he had not taken part in the watermelon raid. He was glad when worship was over. He tried to do other things so he would forget. It came time to go to bed. Again the day's happenings came to his mind. With it a fear came upon him. He knew he was a sinner and if he died he would go to hell. Then he had a fear that his parents would find it out.

Time went on. One night Nathan was at meeting and the preacher preached against sin. He told how that stealing, lying, and hating was sin. Those who come before God at the judgment and have not asked God to forgive them of their sins here in this life will be cast into hell fire. Nathan knew he had sinned. He felt the burden of sin upon his heart. He went to the altar and got saved. He promised the Lord that he would make his wrongs right if God would forgive him. The Lord forgave him. Time passed by and he knew that he must see Mr. Cook and confess to him that he had stolen watermelons from him and ask him to forgive him. But he dreaded to see him. He prayed to the Lord to help him.

One day when he was with his father down at a sale, he saw Mr. Cook. He knew that he must speak to him and tell him what he had done and offer to pay him for the melons he had stolen.

He went up to Mr. Cook and told him all about it. He said, "Here is

some money and I want to pay you for those watermelons I stole."

"Oh, no, I won't take it," said Mr. Cook. "I am so glad that you were honest enough to make it right."

Nathan was so relieved as he walked away from Mr. Cook. He knew now that this sin had been forgiven and cleared up. He knew that the Lord would never hold it against him any more. He was a happy boy.

—M. Miles

AN HONEST SLAVE

Many years ago at a slave market in one of the Southern states a smart, active colored boy was put up for sale. A kind master pitied his condition and wished him not to have a cruel owner. So he went up to the boy and said, "If I buy you, will you be honest?" The boy looked up and replied, "I will be honest whether you buy me or not." That boy must have loved Jesus and was determined to please Him.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you get three others to take the "Beautiful Way" for a year so you can get a book free?

Last Sunday we talked about the foundation of our building. Today we will talk about some more building. Our lives need to be started right to end right. Our lesson teaches that the first line of brick must be laid correctly on the foundation or the others will not be right. Our lesson today brings out what Paul did in his building for God. The first thing he did was to start to count up the cost of building for God or the devil. He counted up all the things that the world had to offer and then the end of a life living for self and doing those things that the people of the world would

approve of. In his counting he found that in serving self, friends, popularity, getting riches, and then adding eternal damnation or hell that the total was a great loss. It might look like a lot of gain in the world but when you would count in hell then it becomes a great loss. So Paul said that he would just count the pleasures of this world as loss to gain Christ and heaven. Heaven is so wonderful and great that it would not pay to miss it. In all of his thinking on how to build his house here in this world and to live right he said, "this one thing I do." Boys and girls, it is important to make a right choice. If you choose the right material for your building it will stand the storms.

Let us list the things that Paul said he would do. We all agree that Paul was a great man of God and was fearless to stand for right. God blessed him and he helped many, many people to heaven. Today his life is still helping people to know how to get to heaven. So it is important what Paul tells us.

First, Paul said He did not want his "own righteousness." He didn't want to think his ways were right, but he accepted God's ways as right. He only did what God told him to do. Second, he was willing to suffer for Christ. If you love someone you won't mind going through hard things for them. Third, he said he would forget the things in the past. When the Lord forgives us of our sins they are forever forgiven. We need to forget them, also. When Paul was in sin he took the saints up before the courts of the land and caused them to be punished. God forgave him for that. He knew it was forgiven, so he forgot it and lived for God. Fourth, Paul pressed against feelings from the devil, thoughts from the devil, things that others wanted him to do that was wrong, and pressed his way right on

toward heaven. When he prayed he knew that God heard him even if he didn't know how to pray. He also knew that nothing came against him but that some good was in it for him or someone. He knew that if he lived right that some day he would arise out of the grave and meet the Lord in the air and live in that home with him in heaven which is the prize he was seeking for. Boys and girls, be sure you build right and you will end right.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 2, July 11, 1965

HOW TO BUILD

Philippians 3:7-16; Romans 8:26-28

Phil. 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I

do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Rom. 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Memory Verse: I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14.

Central Thought: If we will count right, we will end up right.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Paul count loss and gain in living for God?

2. Name some of the things that are loss to us. Also gain.

3. What did Paul mean when he said, "One thing I do?"

4. What is the resurrection?

5. Who helps us pray?

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July 18

SIN NOT

Drink life's sunshine, view her beauty,
Seek not happiness to blot;
Live as mortals, do your duty,
Love and labor, but—sin not!

Life is real that God has given;
Learn to bless your favored lot;
Walk this earth with eyes t'ward
heaven,
Love and labor, but—sin not!

Wife or husband, father, mother,
Son or daughter, kindred, what?
Be thy motto, and no other:
Love and labor, but—sin not!

—Leslie Busbee

Byron's Struggles

"Oh, my son!" Mother said as she led her boy to an easy chair, "You don't know how glad I am to have you at home with me again. I prayed and pled last night that God would, if possible, spare you from prison and bring you back to us again, and He has answered my prayer."

Then clasping his hand in hers, she listened to his broken account of all that occurred while he was away.

"And, Mother dear," Byron added, "I knew that you were praying for me. I felt the influence of your prayers, and I, too, felt that God had heard and answered prayer. I know you have often prayed for me, and I have felt the effect of those prayers many times. O Mother, I feel that I have not only been disobedient and have filled your heart with sorrow, but have brought an awful disgrace upon the family name. Can you forgive it all? I feel unworthy of being called your son any more. My life is unhappy. My sins rise up as mountains before me, and oh, how I wish I could be free and feel myself the same innocent boy I was when I used to bow in prayer at your knee! The voice that you called the Holy Spirit has spoken to me, and since that time I have found no peace of mind. The things I used to enjoy and take pleasure in I have no desire for now. A change has already come into my life, but oh, what a burden and weight I feel all the time! How I long to

be rid of it! Do you suppose, Mother, there is any help for me?"

Byron, who was sixteen, had got into wrong company and had little by little been led into sin. He finally was with the boys when they broke out windows of a house, stole a chicken and built a fire in another vacant house and roasted it. Later they were arrested and taken before the judge. The other boys were taken to prison but Byron was released because he truly was sorry for it all. Byron told the truth on the witness stand but the other boys tried to lie about it.

"Yes, indeed, my son," his mother said as she looked earnestly into his eyes, "there is help for you! God has surely been talking to your heart and urging you to forsake your sins. Jesus at this very moment is holding out the life-line to you. The things that have just taken place seem severe and hard to bear, but sometimes it takes severe measures to awaken souls to their condition and danger. You are a great sinner in the sight of God. You have grieved and disobeyed him, but He is merciful. It was for this very purpose that God sent His only Son into this evil world to suffer and die. It was not possible in God's plan of salvation for man to be saved without such a sacrifice. His Word tells us that whosoever believed that Jesus is the sacrifice for sin may be saved. Do you believe it?"

"Yes, Mother, with all my heart I believe it!" Byron answered.

"You must listen to the voice of God's Holy Spirit who has been talking to you of late," his mother continued. "The work of the Holy Spirit is to bring you to the Father, where with groanings that are too deep to be uttered, he will make intercession

for you. In other words, the Holy Spirit will plead your case and will open your understanding so that you will see how to consecrate yourself to God. Then God, for his Son's sake, will pardon and redeem you, and you can live a life that will be worth living.

"But you will find that there is only one way to enter heaven, and that is by forsaking everything that is sinful and doing those things alone that will bring honor and glory to the Lord and his cause. You see, we are not our own. Jesus has bought us, and the price he paid was his own precious blood. When we have done all that is in our power to do, we are still debtors to God and to Christ; for Jesus paid our debt and blotted out the account against us when he died upon the cross of Calvary."

Reaching for her Bible, she then turned to Rev. 21st chapter and read: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death."

"Byron, can't you see by this," she said when she had finished reading, "how great God is and how eager he is to give to everyone who will ask it, eternal life? and how glad he is to accept them as his dear children?" Then she read, "The Spirit and the bride [the bride is God's church or people] say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that

is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

Later when Byron was in a revival meeting and when the invitation was given he went to the altar and there gave his heart to the Lord. God forgave him of all his sins and he was again a happy boy. Oh, he loved his Lord and Saviour so much! He wanted to help his mother and do all he could to make amends for the heartaches he had given her.

"The Pilot's Voice"

Do I mean the prayers I offer—
Do I feel the words I say,
When before our heavenly Father
I kneel down from day to day?

LOVE FOR THE BIBLE

A poor boy, who was employed all the week in taking care of cattle, was so anxious to learn the Scriptures, that he used to take the Bible into the fields with him; and in the course of a year he committed to memory nearly two thousand verses.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about how Paul felt, knowing the Ten Commandments which he called the law, and knowing that he should obey them, but realizing that he didn't have any power within himself to do it. Can you name some of the Ten Commandments? Yes, they tell you not to lie nor to steal nor to covet nor envy, to honor your father and mother and to love God with all your heart. Now Paul, when he was in sin, didn't want to tell a lie, but it seemed that it was so easy and a lie would just come to his mind to tell. He said, "but what I hate, that I do." Maybe he was tempted to

steal something. He didn't want to, but he did steal. After he took something that didn't belong to him he felt badly. His conscience hurt him and he wished that what he had stolen was back in its place. He said when he "would do good, evil is present with me." Maybe Paul wanted to obey his mother and father but he didn't. It seemed that he just disobeyed and he was sorry but evil was so strong that he didn't do the right thing about it. He had a big struggle inside, didn't he? Do you know anyone like that? They don't want to sin but they do sin. Paul felt badly about his struggles. He said, "O wretched man that I am." He was so miserable and the sin of stealing, lying, hating, envying, and all the other sins were weighing his soul down. He wanted to get rid of them. In his deep anguish he cried out, "Who shall deliver me from" it all? How he wanted to get rid of that awful weight! He wanted those sins to be taken away. He wanted to feel as he had felt before he ever committed any sins. One time he was a little innocent boy. He felt happy and free. He could go to bed and sleep. He could look every one in the eye and didn't have any guilty feelings at all. He was so miserable now and wretched. "Who can help me?" was his plea.

One day he saw a light shining straight from heaven. He heard a voice speaking to him. He was on his way to Damascus to bring some good men and women bound to Jerusalem to be put to death because they loved Jesus. (Acts 9:1-22). Paul fell to the ground. God spoke to him from heaven. Paul knew that he had done wrong. He knew now who could deliver him from his miserable condition. He turned to Jesus, confessed his sin and forsook them. He felt happy. Praises arose from his heart. He said, "I thank God through

Jesus Christ our Lord" that I am saved and my sins are all gone. Boys and girls, you cannot have power to live right unless you are "born again" and have Jesus to help you. Sin will overpower you and cast you down. Be sure to pray much and be watchful. Jesus will be your Helper if you do.

I am looking for your letter with the three new subscriptions for "The Beautiful Way" paper. I want to give you a book free. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, July 18, 1965

STRUGGLES IN SIN

Romans 7:13-25

Rom. 7:13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Memory Verse: He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Rev. 21:7.

Central Thought: God will give us power, through Jesus Christ, to be delivered from sin and power to live each day without sinning.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does Paul mean when, in our lesson, he speaks of the law?

2. How does a boy or girl know what is sin?

3. What did Paul mean when he said, "but what I hate, that do I"?

4. How did Paul feel with the struggle going on in his heart of wanting to not sin but not having power to live without sinning?

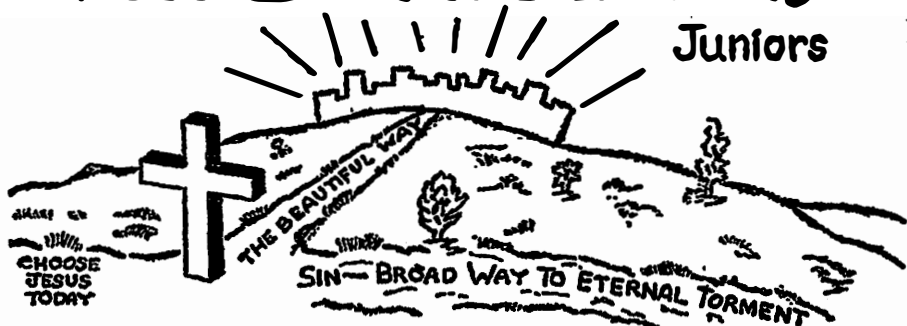
5. Who delivered him from that condition of sin and gave him power to live without sinning?

6. "Thou shalt call his name JESUS for he shall _____ people _____ sins." (Matt. 1:21.)

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Part Four

July 25

Wearing Out Your Bible

Are you wearing out your Bible?
Are you using it each day?
Or just simply do you read it
In a short half-hearted way?

Wear it out and stain its pages
With thy earnest touch and tear;
Rock of everlasting ages!
Hold it to thy bosom dear.

Meditate and muse upon it
Through the day and in the night.
Let it be thy treasure ever,
And thy constant guiding Light!
—Leslie Busbee

Ask and Receive

April waned and the middle of May advanced. One day Eva lay on her bed thinking of the many times God had answered her prayers, when the thought of a real Bible again came to her. "Surely I shall not be disappointed in this," said she, "for God has promised to give us all things and

to supply our needs and he can see that I need a Bible and have no way of getting one except as he gives it to me." Again she opened her Testament and this time read how the unjust judge dealt with the widow because she importuned with him and immediately she slipped off the bed and on her knees again to ask God with all the earnestness of her soul to supply her with a Bible. For some time she remained on her knees and then arose with confidence in God that he had heard and would answer. Three days later Edgar again brought her a package from the mail-box and upon opening it she found a lovely new Bible. With the Bible by the same mail was a letter to her bearing the postmark of a small town some miles distant. It read as follows:—"Dear Unknown Friend:

"You are a stranger to me and I to you, but please accept the Bible I am sending you by this same mail as a gift from the Lord. I am an agent for this Bible and was in your vicinity some few weeks ago and heard about you. I expected to call

upon you when I returned, but the company has sent me to another district. So I shall not have this privilege. I want to tell you why I am sending this Bible to you at this time.

"After hearing of your illness and your conversion I have thought of you a great deal and three nights ago I was very restless and could not sleep. Something seemed to keep saying to me, 'Send the girl one of your Bibles.' I have been a Christian for a number of years and always plan to give the Lord one-tenth of my earnings. So I told the Lord that I would spend this much of his share for a Bible and send it to you. So please accept it as a gift from God. If you read it prayerfully I am sure that you will find the things for which your heart craves.

An Unknown Friend."

Eva was too overjoyed to speak. She kissed the Bible, then laying her head upon it she wept real tears of joy. She now had a real Bible of her own and another prayer had been answered. The promise, "Ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," was being realized in her life.

April, May, and June passed and still Eva was unable to sit up. How the days dragged, but with her precious Bible she found much consolation and spent many hours reading God's precious Word. There were now seven openings in her side, all discharging pus, which was very offensive. These required dressing several times daily. This was quite a task for her, but the Lord gave her strength to do it. Although her stepmother was unkind to her, her father was kind and her two brothers

tried in every way they could to do something for her.

Later the Lord healed Eva and she was very happy and loved her Lord so very much.

(This true story was taken from a book that we have in stock. It is called "Trials and Triumphs of Eva Grant." It will be sent postpaid to you for 50c. Editor).

"Is the Master Kind?"

The boy had an ungainly appearance. His clothes were dirty and ragged; and from time to time he would clutch at one or another of his garments to save them from being blown away, it appeared, for there was a keen east wind that day. As I passed, I murmured to myself, "A child of the streets, a child of the slums!"

The face was attractive, reminding one of the Italian children, with the soft, dark eyes.

"Where do you live, my lad?"

"Most nights under an archway, or on some doorstep, till I'm caught by the police. Then I have to move on sharp!"

I never knew what prompted me, but I took that little waif home with me.

I was an old bachelor, with a comfortable income. I had a hard battle to fight with my housekeeper. She thought, not without reason perhaps, that I had taken leave of my sense; and she foretold that there would be no peace in the house.

I am very happy to say that her word did not come true, for Jack soon became a very respectable member of society.

One Sunday, after he had been with

me a few weeks, he told me, on his return from Sunday School, how the teacher had been telling the children about God, and saying that He is the Master whom all must love and serve. "But," questioned Jack, "what I want to know, sir, is—is the Master kind?"

"Yes, my lad, very kind."

"Then, sir, I'll love and serve Him; for I know, since you took me out of the streets, what it is to have a master who is kind, and it will be wonderful to have one up in heaven who is kind, too. But if I had been told about Him before you took me into this beautiful home, I would never have believed a word; for all masters I've worked for before have been cruel."

Years have passed, and I am now a very old man—feeble and hardly able to see; but I do not feel my growing infirmities, for there is ever by my side a strong young arm to guide my tottering steps, and a clear, musical voice to read me my favorite books. Jack and I both know that the Master is kind, and this knowledge makes our lives happy.

Never be in a big hurry, but be steady at what you have to do.

TOMORROW

I will tomorrow, that I will,
I will be sure to do it;

Tomorrow comes, tomorrow goes,
And still you are to do it.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

What do you think of the boys or girls who don't like to study their lessons at school? Do you think that they might be just a little lazy? Or maybe they have fallen behind in their lessons and feel it's no use to try because they

will never catch up. Did you know that the Bible tells us to study? Yes, it says for us to study. Study means to look at something carefully in order to remember it; to give care and thought to a certain subject; to read, think or ponder. When you study, your mind expands or grows and you are able to understand more and more about things.

We have to know how to read to be able to read the Bible. That is one thing that you learn in school. So, boys and girls, learn to read all the big words you can and know what they mean, so you can read the Bible and understand it, too. Of course, you can't understand all you read in the Bible but as you read, study, and pray, asking God by His Spirit to help you to understand, you will know more and more all the time. When you read Revelation you will need to know some history that you have in school, as parts of the book of Revelation refers to the things that happened in the nations, or will happen. The Old Bible, as we have it today, was in writing when Jesus lived here on the earth. He studied it and read it. After Jesus died, arose, and ascended to heaven the New Testament was then written. In the old Bible it tells about Jesus, the Messiah coming. In the New Testament we find where it tells us about his coming and doing the things the Old Bible said He would. The Bible is one of the most wonderful books in the world. It is the Book of books.

Our lesson tells about Paul and Silas. They had been in the town of Thessalonica but some Jews and Greeks came there and caused a lot of trouble for them. They did not like it because Paul and Silas were teaching the people about Jesus. Paul and Silas slipped away from the trouble one night. They went to Berea and were so happy to find that the people there were more noble and will-

ing, with an open mind, to listen to the truth about how Jesus came to this world, lived, died and arose again for their salvation. They were so interested that they "daily searched the scriptures, whether those things were so." They read the old Bible to see if it had really come true, as the prophets had said it would, that Jesus had really come. How happy they were to find that Jesus had come and they could be saved.

Our lesson tells that "from a child" you are to learn the Bible. Then you are to continue in its teaching and live up to them all of your life. Oh, what trouble you will be spared if you will obey the Word of God. Learn the four things our lesson says the Bible is good for.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, July 25, 1965

STUDY THE WORD

Acts 17:10-12; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Acts 17:10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

2 Tim. 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured:

but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Memory Verse: For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Romans 15:4.

Central Thought: Don't just read the Bible but read and study it.

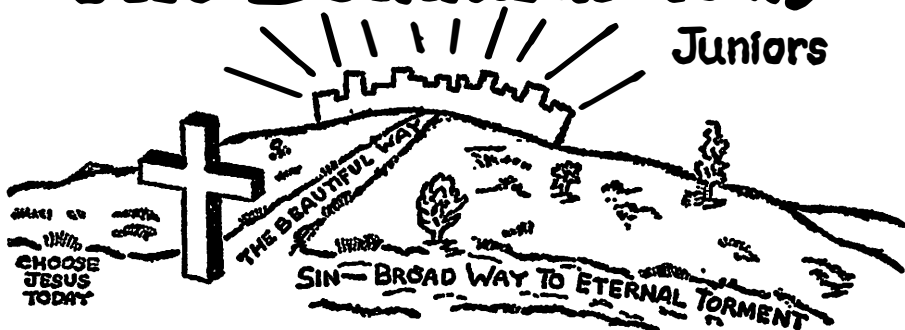
QUESTIONS:

1. What does the word "study" mean?
2. Which was written first, the old or new Testament?
3. Why were the people of Berea "more noble" than the Thessalonica people?
4. From what other sources do we learn about the Bible besides from it?
5. How old should one be to start learning about the Bible?
6. What are the four things our lesson says the Bible is profitable for?

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Worship God, Our Maker

Come let us bow, come let us bow
And worship God, our Maker!
Oh, let us pay Him homage now,
And serve Him all hereafter.

He is the Lord of earth below,
The king of highest heaven!
He looks upon us, this we know
By blessings He has given.

Turn not away His offered hand
Of grace and free salvation!
Come let us bow, and for Him stand,
Let's be His holy nation!

—Leslie Busbee

Sing For the Lord

When boys and girls went to church in England two hundred years ago, it was not nearly as nice as it is today. For one thing, there were no beautiful hymns, such as "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" or "O God Our Help in Ages Past," which help to make our worship service so pleasant today. That is, not until a boy named Isaac

Watts grew tired of the dreary songs they sang then.

Besides those two songs, Isaac wrote hundreds of others, sung in churches around the world today. And all because he thought the songs they sang in church then were dull and boring—which they were.

Isaac didn't like to go to church because of the way people sang. First, the clerk would stand up and recite a verse from the Psalms in a sing-song voice. Then the congregation would mumble it back. It was dull and not at all like the pleasant time we have today singing.

One day Isaac told his father, as they left church, "I do not like those crabbed and untuneful hymns."

A deacon overheard him and said, "Write some better ones, then!"

Isaac was only nineteen but, the very next week, he had the pleasure of hearing the church sing, "Behold the Glories of the Lamb," which he had written in a single day. It was the first of over six hundred hymns he wrote.

Isaac had been making verses even as a little boy. But then, he spoke

Latin at four, Greek and French at ten, and Hebrew at thirteen!

Once, when he was eight, he saw a mouse in church. "There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say its prayers," he giggled. His father did not laugh—he spanked him. Afterwards, Isaac said, "Father, father, pity take—and I shall no more verses make." Isaac's father knew right then that his boy was going to be a song writer.

Through a long life, Isaac continued writing, not only hymns, but books on all sorts of things—mathematics, astronomy, logic. Also, he wrote a wonderful book of children's poems.

But, of all the things he wrote, this stanza from the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," is the best loved:

"See from His head, His hands, His feet,

Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?"

Today, Isaac Watts lies at rest in England in Westminster Abbey, along side such greats as Shakespeare. On a bust of Watts is shown a picture of him, writing on a tablet as angels whisper in his ear. —Selected

The Word of God says, "The wise in heart will receive commandments." People usually know when a boy or girl is wise. If that boy will obey and listen to his parents, you can be very sure that boy is wise.

The love of a Christian mother for her child can never be measured nor weighed. It can only be returned by a noble life and love shown to her.

Have you sent in three subscriptions to the "Beautiful Way" which would be 80c each and got your book called "The Dangers of Ben-onies" yet? Do it today. We still have some left. You will enjoy reading this book very much.

The Spider

(No. 2)

What is there, about the spider, which it is worth our while to imitate? There are two things, in the spider, that we shall do well to imitate; and these are its industry, and its perseverance. What are they? Industry means a love of work. The spider loves to work. It is born with a love to work. Every spider is a weaver, and a rigger. And the youngest spider knows how to do these things just as well as the oldest. The spider never has to go to school, or to take any lessons, in order to learn these trades. It knows them by what we call instinct. Instinct means the knowledge which God gives to animals and living creatures, when he makes them. The little duck knows how to swim, as soon as it is hatched, without any teaching. And so the little bird knows how to build its nest, and the bee to gather honey, and make the honeycomb, without ever receiving a single lesson. God is the teacher of these creatures. He makes them understand how to do their work. And they always do it, in the very best way. Not all the weavers, and spinners, and riggers in the world, can beat the spider, in the work that he does. Look at that broken window-pane, or at the upper corner of that door-way. The spider has been there, weaving his net. How

light it is! It seems as though the least puff of wind would blow it away. But no; the strongest winds sweep by it, and yet it stands there still. See how regularly, and straightly the threads are drawn, and see too, how neatly the cross-pieces are fastened to them! The spider never does his work hurriedly, and carelessly, as many children do. He always takes time for it, and does it well. His fastenings never come undone. He is really industrious and loves his work. Spiders have many different kinds of work to do, but they are all done in the very best manner. Some are hunting spiders. They spread their nets, just as the hunters set their traps, in the woods or fields, and wait patiently till their prey is caught in it, and then pounce upon them and devour them. Some are mason spiders. These build little huts or houses, rather bigger than a thimble, to live in. They make doors to them, which they shut to, when they go in, and even have something like bolts, to fasten them with, so that they can keep robbers from entering. And then there is another kind of spider—the fishing or diving spider. These live beside the water. They make a sort of waterproof house, or diving bell. In this they sink down to the bottom of the water. They make a sort of water-proof house, or diving bell. In this they sink down to the bottom of the water, where they eat their food, and stay as long as they want to; and when they get hungry, or tired of staying there, they come up to the top to enjoy a change of scene, and get a fresh supply of provisions. And sometimes the spider seems to act, just as if he had the power to reason as men do.

—Sermons to Children

Dear Boys and Girls:—

What does it mean to worship something? The dictionary says, “a prayer, a church service, or other acts showing reverence for a deity or God; intense love or admiration of anything; to engage in worship; to show religious reverence.” It would mean to give glory or esteem, bow before, to serve with humility or great awe. We love to show love to our Lord. Jesus has said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” If we love God and Jesus we will try hard to please Him. If we love our parents we will try to please them. God is not hard to please because He will help us to please Him and do right. The reason it is hard for some to do right and please God is because they do not want to badly enough. They want to please themselves instead of God.

Do you remember how Moses took off his shoes when he came up to the burning bush and God spoke to him out of it? He had come into the presence of God and he knew it was holy ground upon which he stood. When we go to the chapel to worship we come into the presence of God. Jesus has told us that where two or three are gathered together in His name he is in the midst of them. Jesus is right there, too. Oh, you say that Jesus is right among us when we go to the chapel to worship? Yes, that is what I mean. We ought to be careful how we act, shouldn't we? We love Jesus so much. He is so good, kind, and lovely. He has done so much for us. When we did not love Him He still loved us. When we turned to Him with all of our hearts, He blessed us, forgave and saved our souls from sin. We owe so much to Him. We ought to love Him from our hearts. When prayer is offered at the chapel, boys and girls should

kneel and pray, too. You should be very quiet. When the minister preaches, you should listen and be quiet. He is talking about God and reading God's Word. Jesus is there unseen but he sees all that you do or say. Let us all be careful that we love and serve Jesus.

Our lesson tells about Jesus rising up real early and going to a place where He could be by himself and pray. Boys and girls, you need to always remember to get alone and pray as Jesus did. God blesses those who will talk to Him in prayer and love Him. If you can't get alone, you can pray as you walk about or as you are busy doing something. Jesus will hear you and help you. Just send up praises to the Lord from your heart all the time.

The second part of our lesson is about the early church after the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost. The last part is instructions that Paul gave the Hebrew church. We should go to services regularly and worship the Lord. Some just go on special days but God wants us to worship Him any time there are services.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, August 8, 1965

WORSHIPING GOD

Mark 1:35; Acts 2:46, 47; Heb. 10:19-25

Mark 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour

with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Heb. 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Memory Verse: God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24.

Central Thought: It is good to worship God with the family and with God's people.

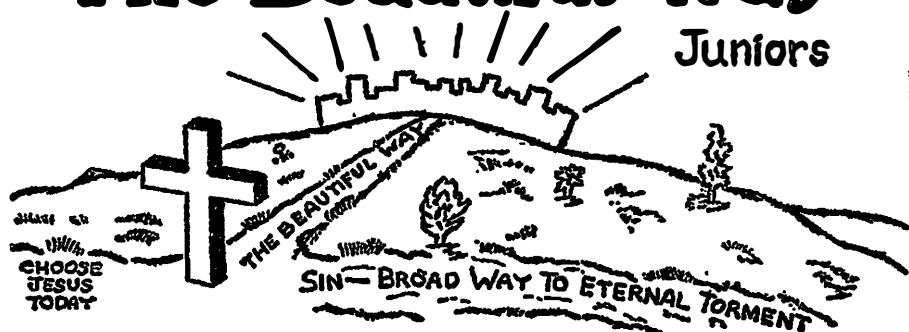
QUESTIONS:

1. What does the word "worship" mean?
2. Did Jesus worship God? How?
3. How did the early church worship God?
4. How should we hold to God?
5. How often are we to go to the chapel to worship the Lord?

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Part Five

Aug. 1

We All Shall Stand

My neighbor, my brother, and all
Like myself at the judgment shall
stand;

Each one will be summoned to fall
And bow before Jesus' command.

My neighbor, my brother, and all
Shall give of himself an account,
And answer that final great call
That sounds from the great judgment
mount.

Then shall I be harsh or unkind
My brother to judge in the way?
Oh no! let me have Jesus' mind
As nearer approaches the day!

—Leslie Busbee

Tina's Question

"Mr. Jerry's making a horseshoe. Let's go in and see him," said Ollie and he and Tina Mack walked boldly through the blacksmith's wide doorway.

Cling-clank, cling-clank! went the

big hammer on the anvil, and the sparks flew out.

"This is my music box," said the blacksmith, stopping to look smilingly at the children. "It beats your radio, now, doesn't it, Ollie?"

"It makes more noise," answered the boy with a smile. "Don't you ever get tired of pounding, Mr. Jerry?"

"Don't you ever get tired of going to school?" asked Mr. Jerry and he thrust the horseshoe into the fire and held it there until it was soft enough to hammer and shape again.

"I never had a chance to go to school much," he went on without waiting for them to answer. "My father died, and I had to go to work when I was a youngster. They didn't have laws about going to school, and there were no truant officers in those days. Nobody thought anything about it, so I pegged away and, when I got to be old enough, I started a blacksmith shop of my own and here I am yet." He took the shoe red-hot from the fire and turned and pounded and shaped it again. "You ought to be

mighty thankful you can go to school," he added pretty soon.

Ollie and Tina had never thought about it like that. They thought everybody had to go to school, of course, unless they were sick, and they often said they wished it was always vacation.

"Why, you're almost like Mr. Long-fellow's 'Village Blacksmith,' " cried Tina. "I don't believe he went to school much either. He always had to work, you know. We learned the poem at school. We can say it for you if you would like."

"Go ahead. I've finished that shoe." And Mr. Jerry folded his arms and listened while Tina began:

"Under the spreading chestnut tree
The village smithy stands;
The smith a mighty man is he,
With large and sinewy hands,
And the muscles of his brawny arms
Are strong as iron bands.' "

Ollie repeated the second verse, and they said it all by turns.

"Sure, sure," Mr. Jerry said when they finished. "He was a blacksmith all right. He kept hard at it every day."

"Do you go to church too, like him?" asked Tina earnestly, looking into Mr. Jerry's face. She was almost frightened after she had asked the question, Mr. Jerry looked so queer.

"No. I—I guess they don't want blacksmiths in the churches in this town."

"Oh, yes, they do, Mr. Jerry," cried Ollie. "My father is a minister, you know, and he'd just love to have you come to church. Won't you come next Sunday?"

Just how they did it, the children never knew; but before they went out of the shop, Mr. Jerry had promised to come to church the very next Sun-

day. And, after he got there once, he kept on going. I'm glad Tina was brave enough to ask him that question, aren't you? —Selected

The Spider

(No. 1)

Prov. 30:28: "The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces."

Now, I dare say, my dear children, some of you will be ready to cry out, "What! going to preach about an ugly spider?" Yes, I am going to preach about the spider. I know we dislike spiders very much. Almost everybody dislikes them. Some run away from them, as soon as they see them. Others try to kill them, whenever they can. But, although they are thus disliked, and killed, there is a great deal to admire about the spider, and there is something which we should do well to imitate, too. Why, one of the prettiest things I ever remember to have seen, was a spider's claw, when looked at through a microscope. Now, suppose we had a large microscope here. We catch a big spider and put him in, so that we may examine him carefully. Oh, there are some rare things for us now to see! When we put the crawler in, he was about as big as a bean; but see, now, there he is, almost as big as a bear. See, he is covered all over with rich, soft-looking fur. There is his huge head; and count how many eyes are in it. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight! Yes, there are eight eyes in his head, as shining, and bright as diamonds. Look, now, at his long legs. Each of them has a sort of hand at the end of it, with two fingers and a thumb. I suppose

Solomon never saw a microscope, and never looked at a spider through one. Yet he knew what he was saying when he spoke of it as taking hold with its "hands," and not with its claws. But let us take one more look, through the microscope, at our spider. Right in the middle of his body is a curious spinning machine. No human mechanic ever invented anything to compare with it. It weaves threads so delicate, that the finest silk thread, man ever wove, seems almost like a cable in comparison with it. And yet each one of these very fine threads which the spider weaves is made up of five thousand different threads. What a wonderful spinning machine is this! How little people think, when they thoughtlessly crush what they call "an ugly spider," how much that is curious, and wonderful, and really beautiful, they are crushing!

—Sermons to Children

Words That Stain

A small brush of camel's hair had been dipped into a fluid in which was some nitrate of silver, or caustic as it is sometimes called. The brush was wiped upon a white sheet. Pretty soon there appeared a black stain upon the white surface. It did not look very dark at first, but the action of the light seemed to deepen the color until it was an ugly spot that could not be washed out nor bleached out in a whole summer.

A boy heard a vile word and an impure story. He thought them over, they became fixed in his memory, and they left a stain which could not be washed out by all the waters of this great round earth.

Do not allow yourself to listen to

vile stories or unclean words. There are some persons who seem to take an evil delight in repeating such things, and those who **willingly** listen to them receive a stain upon their memory. To give ear to filthy talkers is to share their sin. Do not lend your ears to be filled with shameful words and vile stories. —Selected

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Have you ever been walking along, looking at something else, when someone put out his foot and you stumbled over it and fell? He laughed and thought it was funny. It wasn't so funny to you but you tried real hard not to let them know that it had hurt you in any way. A person could get hurt badly by stumbling over something, though, couldn't he? And it isn't nice for a person to put a stumblingblock in someone's way, is it? I trust that none of you boys and girls will ever do that. It isn't funny to do something to hurt another boy or girl. One time at school a girl pulled the chair away just as I was going to sit down. I sat down on the floor striking my back on the edge of the chair and it hurt me. It hurt for a number of days. Of course I choked back the tears and did not let the girl know that I had been hurt.

Our lesson brings out the fact that we are not to put a stumblingblock in our brother's way. We are not to purposely do things to hinder others or hurt them.

The Apostle Paul was writing to the church at Corinth. In the city of Corinth there lived people who offered sheep, cows, and goats to idols. Idols are big wooden or stone images that people worship as a god. They would pray to them and think that they had to please them so they would not let evil come upon

them. This of course is a sad thing. Those gods cannot do anything for those who worship them. We are glad we know about the true and living God who is able to do all things for us, aren't we? These people would offer the beef to the idol and then they would take it and sell it to the butcher at the meat market and he would sell it to others to eat. Our lesson brings out that the person who is saved would not think it wrong to eat this meat if it was clean because it would just be meat to them. But Paul brings out the fact that perhaps another saved person would feel it would be wrong to eat that meat because it had been offered to idols. If he spoke to a saved brother and told him that he was grieved because he ate that kind of meat but the brother would just go on and do it anyway, with the thought in mind that he didn't care if he hurt his brother or not, that would be wrong. It would be a stumblingblock to the weak brother. It would destroy his soul or cause him to quit serving the Lord. Paul says, "Let not your good be evil spoken of." Even if it didn't hurt you it would be better to consider your brother and buy meat that had not been offered to idols. In the kingdom of God there is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, August 1, 1965

STUMBLINGBLOCKS

Romans 14:13-21

Rom. 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

15 But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure: but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

Memory Verse: Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Romans 14:19.

Central Thought: Our desire should be to never hinder anyone if we cannot help them.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be a stumblingblock?

2. To whom did Paul write this letter?

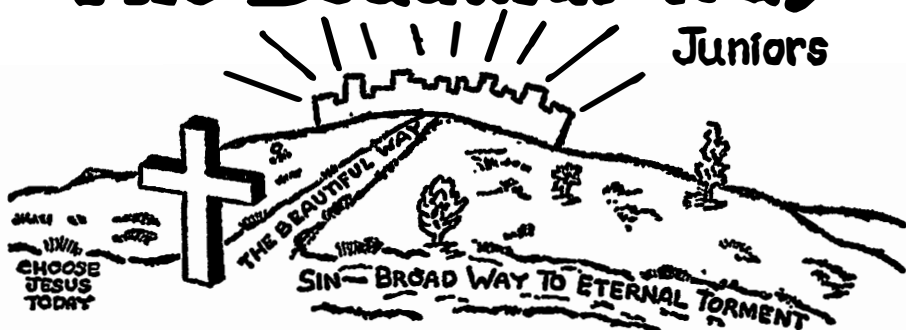
3. What kind of meats were some eating that caused others to be offended?

4. What is in the kingdom of God?

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Part Seven

Aug. 15

A Servant

How blest to be a servant,
A minister of love,
The lowest place to fill
For God who is above.

To serve in God's great house
Is honor great indeed
For us who live below
And for His mercy plead.

Seek not for higher fame;
'Tis fitted not for thee;
"A servant" be thy name,
And thus shall ye be free.

—Leslie Busbee

Give Jesus Your Feet And Eyes

"What do you mean?" asked Bill after his Sunday School teacher had said that God wants us to give Him our eyes and feet.

"Yes, Bill, the Lord wants us to give Him our eyes and feet," said Sister Allen. We do this by not let-

ting our feet take us any place that we could not take Jesus with us or that Jesus would not want us to go to and by not looking at anything that Jesus would not want us to look at. Can you think of any place like that?"

"You may tell us, Betty," said Sister Allen.

"Jesus would not want us to go to the picture shows," said Betty.

"That is right," said Sister Allen. "I am sure that you would have to leave Jesus outside if you started to go inside a place like that. If you went on in you would be like a man I once knew. He said he was in a picture show and all of a sudden he thought, 'What if Jesus should come now and I would be in here?' It shook him up so that he got up and left the show and went home."

"My mother said that they show those same old pictures on T. V. that they use to show in picture shows," said Ruth.

"Yes, they do," said Sister Allen. "The Lord is not pleased for His people to look at those shows on T. V. where they see liquor and partly dressed women and murders. There

is a scripture that says, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes." (Psa. 101:3). So if we give our feet and our eyes to Jesus we will not use them for anything but for those things that please Jesus." —M. Miles

The Spider

(No. 3)

A gentleman, who was very fond of studying the habits of different animals and insects, one day, when he was walking in his garden, found a large spider. It was near a pond of water. He took a long stick, and put the spider on one end of it. Then he went to the side of the pond, and, stretching out as far as he could, he thrust the other end of the stick down into the bottom of the pond, and left it standing, straight up out of the water, with the spider upon it. He then sat down on the bank, to watch what the spider would do, when he found himself a prisoner there. Presently the spider began to move. First he went down the stick till he came to the water. He went round, and round the stick, feeling, and looking carefully, till he found there was no way of escape there. Then he went up and down the different sides of the stick, till he became satisfied that there was nothing leading from the stick, by means of which he could possibly get away. Then he went once more to the top of the stick, and remained quiet for a while. It seemed to the gentleman as though the spider were saying to himself, "Well, I'm in a nice fix now; what in the world am I to do?" He seemed to be taking observations from the top of the stick, making up his mind what he was to do next. Then he set the

spinning-machine that he carried with him in operation. He wove out a long coil of thread—long enough to reach to the shore from his island-prison. When he had done this, he fastened one end of his thread to the top of the stick and let the rest of it float in the breeze. When he had done this, he went sliding down along the thread which he had spun till he reached the end, where, after floating in the air a little while, he lighted safely on the land, and scampered away to his home. Now, certainly these things show us that the spider, notwithstanding his ugliness, deserves our respect. As an example of industry, he is worthy of our imitation. Industry is a most honorable quality. It is becoming to those who occupy the humblest position in life, and it is equally becoming to those who occupy the highest position. When God made Adam and Eve he put them in a garden, that they might have an opportunity of being industrious, by dressing and keeping it, because he knew they could not be happy without industry, even in Paradise. For this same reason the angels are industrious in heaven. They serve God day and night. And they are very happy in serving Him.

—Sermons to Children

Jesus Answers Prayer

David Marler came to the Guthrie assembly meeting last winter. He liked to play with the boys between services. He was at Johnny's house and they were playing by the river on a small hill. The time came for David and his parents to return home. David had had a knife he liked very much but he couldn't find it when it

was time to go home. He asked his mother to write to Johnny and ask him to look on that small hill there by the house where they had been playing and see if he could find it.

After Johnny received the card he and his friend, Willie Murphey went to look for the knife. They looked everywhere but could not find it. Then Johnny said, "Let's pray and ask Jesus to help us find it." Johnny knew how much David liked his knife because Johnny liked his so well. He would not want to lose it. After Willie and Johnny prayed they looked again and there it was. They found it! Oh, how happy they were that Jesus had heard and answered their prayers and helped them find the knife.

Later in prayer meeting Willie told about how Jesus had heard and answered their prayers. We are so glad that we have a great God who can help boys and girls in all of their problems.

—Sister M. Miles

A GOOD TEST

The secret that you would not dare to tell your mother is a dangerous secret. It is a secret that will likely bring you sorrow.

Do not keep company with those who make fun of God and His truths.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

We have a good lesson today. There is so much in it. I do trust that you will remember it and put it in practice every day. There is one main thought that I want you to get. It is the first thought that came to me as I read the lesson over before I began to write this letter to you. I thought that our lesson so

clearly brought out the fact that first we must give ourselves to God and then we can give ourselves to others. All through our lesson today it teaches us how to give to God and to others. We don't know how to be of service or help to others unless we first give ourselves to the Lord. The first verse teaches us to give God our bodies as a "living sacrifice." When we think of sacrifices we think of the pictures we see of those under the law of Moses laying a dead lamb on a pile of stones made into an altar. That lamb is helpless but it is a sacrifice and belongs to the Lord. It is a dead lamb. Its life is gone. Our lesson speaks of us being a "living sacrifice." Then we are as the lamb given to the Lord but we can move. We are a moving, "living sacrifice." Our own life is gone and the life we have is God's life. We are to do as He tells us.

Boys and girls, there are two works of grace to be done in the heart. First, when we see that we are sinners, we come to the Lord and He forgives us of our sins after we have, with godly sorrow, asked Him. But we cannot ask God to forgive us of the sin nature that was passed on to us because Adam sinned. This has to be cleansed. So there is a second work that needs to be done. We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit burns out that sin nature or cleanses us. We need to give ourselves to God and ask Him to send us the Holy Spirit. Jesus has told us that He is more willing to give us the Holy Spirit than our parents are willing to give us good gifts, so we can have faith to believe He will do it.

After we give ourselves to the Lord then we are ready for service and ready to help others. The Lord then gives us gifts and places to work in the body of Christ, or church of God. There is the gift of ministering, gift of teaching,

gift of love, giving, ruling, mercy, and many other gifts. Think about this: "Let love be without dissimulation." Dissimulation means sham or make-believe. Show that your love is true. Don't tell someone you think they are wonderful when you don't feel that way about them. Some will flatter and tell others nice things and don't mean it. That is wrong. Then think about "Abhor that which is evil: cleave to that which is good." Hate evil but love those things which are good. There are many thoughts to think about in our lesson and to put into practice. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, August 15, 1965

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Romans 12:1-13

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing ac-

cording to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love: in honour preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Memory Verse: For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45.

Central Thought: When we give ourselves to the Lord we then can live for others.

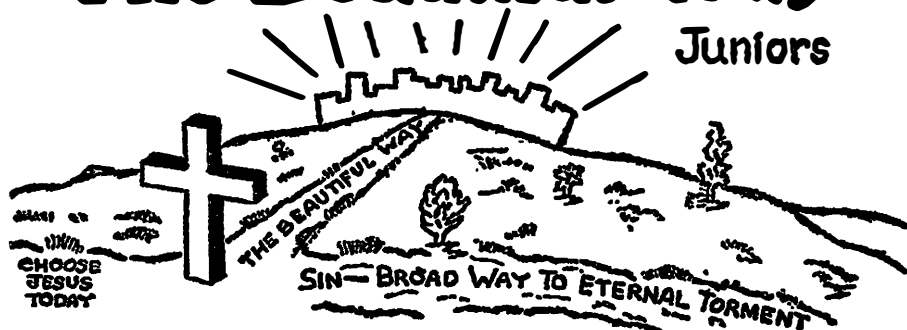
QUESTIONS:

1. What is a "living sacrifice"?
2. In what way is it a "reasonable service" that we give our bodies to the Lord as a "living sacrifice"?
3. How can we be members of the "body of Christ"?
4. Name the gifts mentioned in our lesson that are given to God's children.
5. What are the two works in the heart?

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Fruit of Life

Sweet luscious fruit upon the tree,
Oh, treasure ever bright—
Makes glad the one who comes to see
And joy for his delight.

So comes the Lord, on us to find
The fruit of life so fair,
In likeness of the Saviour's mind,
His love, His joy, and care.

This fruit is love; love works no will
Our neighbor to betray.
So let His love abide and fill
Our life and walk today!

—Leslie Busbee

The Spider

(No. 4)

Solomon says, "The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces." There are two things, the spider gains by exercising these good qualities. It gains an honorable place, and an honest living. A king's palace is an honorable place, and there

the spider's industry brings her. I suppose there never was a king's palace built, so grand and fine, but what the spider took hold with her hands and found her way into it. All the soldiers, and servants, that might be set to guard, and keep it, could not prevent the spider from getting in. You know Solomon built a very magnificent palace for his queen, the daughter of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and all the fine ladies of his court. And no doubt great pains were taken to keep out spiders, and all such ugly insects. And when, after all his care and pains, Solomon looked up to the window of his palace, or to the corner of the beautiful pavilion, that hung over his throne, and saw an old spider, spreading out his web there, I dare say he felt very much vexed. But there he was, and there he would be. Or, if they swept him down, and killed him, pretty soon there would be another in his place. So that, no doubt, the wise man spoke from his own experience when he said, "The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces." The spider's

willingness to work and keep at it gains her an honorable place.

And, at the same time, they gain for her an honest living. But now, I think, I see some serious, thoughtful child shaking his head, and saying softly to himself, "Well, I don't know exactly about that. It seems to me that this thing of setting traps for poor innocent flies, and catching, and eating them, is not a very honest way of getting a living after all!" It would not be an honest way for us to get our living in such a way but it is an honest way for the spider. Now my dear children, the only correct rule by which to judge whether any thing is right, or wrong, is to ask what the will of God is, concerning it. God cannot will, or order any thing wrong; and whatever God does will, or order, you may be sure, is right. It would not be honest, or right, for you or me to get our living by robbing our fellow-creatures, because it is contrary to the will of God. His command to us is, "Thou shalt not steal." "Do violence to no man." But isn't it honest for the fisherman to throw his line, or net, into the river or sea, and get his living by catching the poor innocent fish? Certainly it is. God made the fish for this purpose. It is his will that they should be caught and eaten; and this makes it honest, and right, for the fisherman to get his living by catching them. Isn't it honest, and right, for the butcher to take the ox, or the sheep, to the slaughter-house and kill him? Certainly it is. God made them to be killed for food; and this makes it honest, and right, for the butcher to get his living by killing them. And, just so, God made the flies for the spider to eat. It is the will of God that he should eat them. And, there-

fore, when he employs his industry and perseverance in spreading his web, and catching flies, he is gaining an honest living by it. An honorable place, and an honest living are the two things which the spider gains, by these qualities so worthy of our imitation.

—Sermons to Children

"Thou Shalt Not Steal"

I chummed with another fellow a little, until one Saturday night we went to town together. I wanted several articles and visited several stores before I got all I wanted. I bought and paid for all I got. I don't remember all I did get; but as we went home my chum showed me what he had and it was more than I had. He did not spend a cent for his. I had noticed him and was perfectly ignorant regarding what was going on, until he told me. While the clerks were busy with me, he would be slipping something under his coat or in his pocket. Two articles I remember he had were an umbrella and a box of cigars. I never did any more shopping with him. I never cared any more for his company. I was afraid of him. Although I was as low as the devil wanted me to be, I felt myself above anything like that. A sin is a sin and I don't think God classifies them as great or small, I was full of sin, yet that was one class of sin that I abhorred. I give my father and mother the credit for it. Father was a man that lived on the square with everybody. He and my mother taught us to do the same. A little incident that occurred when I was only three or four years of age made quite an impression on me, and

had somewhat to do with my feelings along that line, no doubt.

I had been to Brother Isaac's and in playing around and through the house I had run across a knife handle with only three or four pieces of blades; one, a half inch long; and fit for nothing. I slipped it in my pocket and carried it home with me. It was not long until Mother saw it and inquired about where I got it. Of course, I told her the truth and after questioning Father, she found out that I had not asked for it. She made me walk every step of that two miles and carry that knife back, and tell them what I had done. I believe if all mothers would treat their children in like manner, there would be very little stealing.

Anyway, I did not have to carry stolen goods back when I got saved, as I have known of many people having to do.

—“Sketches of My Life” by Geo. Peek

BE KIND TO MOTHER!

“What would I give,” said Charles Lamb, “to call my dear mother back to earth for a single day, to ask her pardon, upon my knees, for all those acts by which I grieved her gentle spirit.”

Boys and girls, remember the words of this dear man and be kind to your mothers. Do not grieve her by disobedience. It will not only bring sorrow to her but to you also.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

When you were born into this world you had something in your nature that made it easier for you to do wrong than to do right. This was caused by Adam and Eve sinning. That sin nature was passed on all mankind. So my dear

boys and girls, you have a warfare on your hands. It's too big for you. But it's not too big for Jesus. You need Jesus in your life to help you to overcome. You need the Holy Spirit to give you power to be an overcomer. Sin is a terrible, terrible thing. It ruins sweet lives. It ruins good lives. It will cause a soul to land in hell in eternity that never, never ends. Please turn away from all kinds of sin. Not only turn away from it, but also seek God daily to help you avoid temptation. Run from that which is wrong. Don't stay around it. If you get in the wrong crowd, get away from them as fast as you can. Don't let yourself stay where you might be tempted to do wrong.

Our lesson names the many sins that are in the flesh. I am sure you know or have heard of someone who has committed some of these sins. You know how terrible they are. They are the fruits in the life of those who are not serving the Lord. They are bad fruits. We do not want any of them in our lives. We want good fruits. We want love, joy, peace, forgiveness, kindness, gentleness, patience, and all the good things that only come from a life given to the Lord.

It would be so good if you had a dictionary and could look up the meaning of some of these terrible fruits. Just think of hatred and strife. The first part of our lesson said, “If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another” (verse 15). How many times words of hatred spoken from a heart filled with hatred leads to fighting and both of you get hurt. You not only hurt someone else, but you get hurt, also. How sad that is. Shun it, resist it and do not let dislike for a person get into your heart as it will turn into hate. Hate then will lead to murder. Can you name someone in the

Bible that let jealousy and hatred cause him to murder his brother? Yes, it was Cain who killed his brother, Abel. Wasn't that sad? Today hatred leads to many murders. Boys and girls, if you never let dislike for a person enter your heart, then you will never hate them and murder will never be done.

Think about drunkenness and the many harmful things that happen from that. Oh, how many children suffer because Daddy and Mother drink. Boys and girls, never take the first drink and you will never be a drunkard. May the Lord help you to see you need Him to face life and live peacefully and be ready for heaven.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, August 22, 1965

GOOD AND BAD FRUITS

Galatians 5:13-26

Gal. 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are

manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry; witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Memory Verse: For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Galatians 5:14.

Central Thought: Wage a steady war against the lust or desires of the flesh.

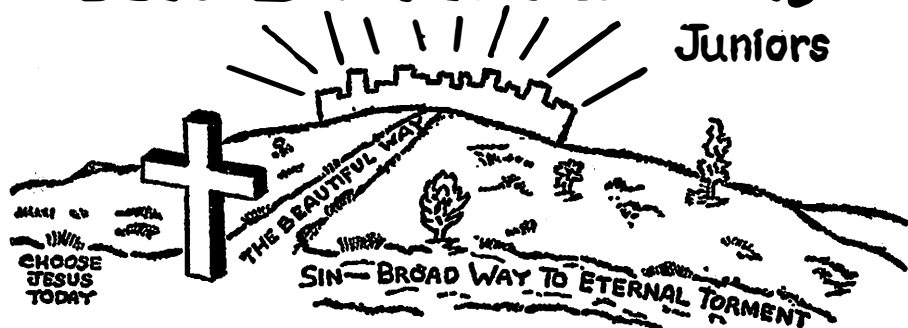
QUESTIONS:

1. How is all the law of Moses fulfilled?
2. How can we keep from fulfilling the desires of the flesh?
3. What does it mean to "walk in the Spirit"?
4. Name some of the works of the flesh.
5. Name some of the "fruit of the Spirit."

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A Life Spent For Jesus

How sweet the thought, how bright
the goal

Worth all of man's endeavor,
To spend one's life in God's control
Submitting to Him ever.

The years will pass, we will recall
Their mem'ry as sweet token,
If Christ will be our all in all;
Our link with Him unbroken.

What riches will be ours to know
When life on earth is ended,
That we have spent our days below
With Jesus here befriended.

—Leslie Busbee

A Guide

Near the city of Rome, in Italy, there is an extensive burial place, called the Catacombs. It is all under ground, and reaches for miles in different ways. The paths, among the tombs, cross each other in every possible direction, so that even in the broad light of day it would be a per-

fect puzzle to find one's way through them. But no ray of light reaches that gloomy place. It is dark as midnight there. Of course, then, you will easily understand that to enter the Catacombs, without a guide, is a very dangerous thing. So many lives have been lost, in consequences, that the entrances have been closed up, and no persons are now permitted to go in. Before this was done, however, there was once a young man who resolved to explore the Catacombs. He furnished himself with a light, and, in order that he might not lose his way, he took a ball of string, and, fastening one end of it at the entrance of the dark passage, he carried the ball with him that he might guide his way out by it. Having thus furnished himself, he went in, and trod cautiously along, gazing in silence on the different names and memorials inscribed on the tombs in that dark city of the dead. He spent some hours in this manner; and, dark and dismal as the place was, his way was comparatively pleasant, because he had a guide. But when he was about turning to go back

his light went out. And in alarm which this threw him into, he dropped his string, which was all he had to depend on to lead him back to the outside world of light and life. He stooped down at once to pick up his guiding-string, but he could not find it. He got down on his knees, and felt carefully around in every direction for that precious, precious thread, on which hung all his hope of life and deliverance; but in vain. He turned and groped, and groped and turned, till weary with the effort; but to no purpose. Then he began to despair. He felt that he was buried alive. He thought of his home, of his friends, and of the bright and beautiful world without, and wept bitter tears of sorrow over his folly in entering that gloomy abode. But he soon felt that weeping would do him no good. So he resolved to make a desperate effort to escape, before giving himself up to die. Then he began in utter darkness to grope his way back. But he had no guide; and, ah! he felt how dreadfully unpleasant his way was made simply by his want of a guide. He walked on in darkness, till compelled to stop and rest. Again he walked, and again he rested. He continued his efforts for hours, that seemed like ages to him. But it was for life that he was struggling, and so he toiled on, and on, till at last his energies were exhausted. He felt that it was of no use. He thought that he must die; and, just as he was sinking in utter despair to the earth, he thought he saw a faint glimmer of light. This revived his sinking heart. He struggled on a little farther; he turned a corner of the way; and oh! joy of joys to him, there was the broad light of day. A merciful Providence had directed his steps in the

dark and brought him out in safety.

A safe guide is the first thing necessary to make a way pleasant. In Religion's way we have this. The Bible is our guide here. It is a safe guide. It never leads us wrong. It shows us the dangers in our path, and how we may avoid them. It will go with us all through life, and lead us to heaven at last. Religion's ways are ways of pleasantness, because we have a safe guide in these ways.

—Sermons to Children

Larry's Victory

Larry was ten years old and had given his heart to the Lord and was very happy. His mother was saved, but his father wasn't so they had a television in the home. Larry knew it wasn't pleasing in Jesus' sight to watch television. Some of the things on it were pretty good and didn't seem wrong, but most of it was evil and didn't have anything about Jesus. The cowboy stories and the shooting weren't what Jesus wanted him to fill his mind with. So Larry prayed for the Lord to help him not to watch the television and did all he could to stay as far away from it as possible. It was in the living room and was on from the minute he got home from school until late at night. Some of the others in the family were not saved and just as soon as they got in from school, they would turn it on. Often the temptation became great and if Larry happened to be sitting in the living room and some one turned it on, his eyes would automatically go to the set and he would have to get up and leave the room.

One evening his father and brother were watching the television and

Larry came through the room. He knew he couldn't even stay in the room because if he did, the devil would get him to watch the television. His father had noticed the change in Larry since he was saved and how he didn't watch the television anymore, but had forgotten. His father said, "There's a good western show on, Larry."

Larry didn't want to be disrespectful nor disobey his father in any way and the devil whispered to him, "Go ahead and sit down and watch it. One time wouldn't hurt and besides you don't want to tell your father that you quit." Larry thought a minute about what the devil had whispered to him and then he decided that it was the devil and that Jesus wouldn't be pleased with him sitting there watching the cowboys kill and smoke and drink. About the time that he decided to tell his father that he didn't watch television any more, his father said, "Oh, I forgot. You don't watch television anymore, do you?" Larry said, "No, I got saved." It was not hard to say after all and his father showed admiration in his voice as he said, "That's good." Jesus had helped Larry to say "no" to the devil and gain the victory over the television. And not only was Larry happy when he prayed that night before going to bed, but he had also won his father's confidence. —R. M.

If you have had trouble you can help others who are in trouble.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

The soldier boys who go out to fight the enemy are equipped with an armor. They would not think of fighting without

it. We also have an enemy and we need to be equipped with an armor. We cannot see our enemy so we can't fight him in the way that a soldier of this world fights. It is needful that we know our enemy and that we know how to fight him.

Let us take a look at our enemy. We need to understand him so we can fight him with the proper weapons. First, we want to know that the devil is a spirit. A spirit cannot be seen but he can talk and he can make you feel his presence. Another thing is that he is very, very deceitful. Did you ever see a person who was deceitful? In other words someone who makes you think they are going to do great things for you but they never do. Now the devil will do that. He will tell you that his ways are best and that he will give you some nice things. He does not mind telling you lies, either. Then he will work this way some time. He will give you something real nice to get you to believe him and then he will tell you to do something to get something else that he makes you think is good and then you will find out it just isn't what you thought it should be. He is very crafty and slick. In fact he can outwork you. There isn't any man in the world, who doesn't have God with him, who can outsmart the devil. He is a wicked fellow and he is mean. He means to take your soul to hell with him. He isn't going to let up until he is overpowered by someone greater than he.

Now, boys and girls, there is only one person that can overpower the devil. That is God, His Son and the Holy Spirit. So we need to have Jesus with us and have on His armor. With Him behind us and his armor on we can overcome the devil and win every battle with him.

Let us look at the armor we are to put on. First we are to have on the "breast-

plate of righteousness." We must have our hearts covered. Second, we must have truth wrapped all around us. Third, we want to have on our feet some good shoes. They must be shoes of peace. Fourth, we want our head covered. We need to have on the helmet of salvation. Now since we have our bodies covered we need some weapons. We must take the "shield of faith" to hold up when the devil shoots fiery darts at us. And of course we must have a sword and that sword is the "sword of the Spirit." Now we are ready to face the devil. When he comes and we have on this armor we can just stand our ground and he has to flee. While we are standing we are to pray and be very watchful. If we go to sleep the devil might slip around behind us. God didn't give us any armor for our backs. If we run, we are lost. So we must just stand firm and we can be overcomers. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, August 29, 1965

CHRISTIAN ARMOUR

Ephesians 6:10-20

Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that wherein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Memory Verse: And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 1 John 2:17.

Central Thought: We cannot face the devil with human strength or wisdom, we must have God in us to be overcomers.

QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of an enemy are we fighting?

2. Does God have a good armor for us to wear?

3. Name the different weapons and parts of armour we are to have on.

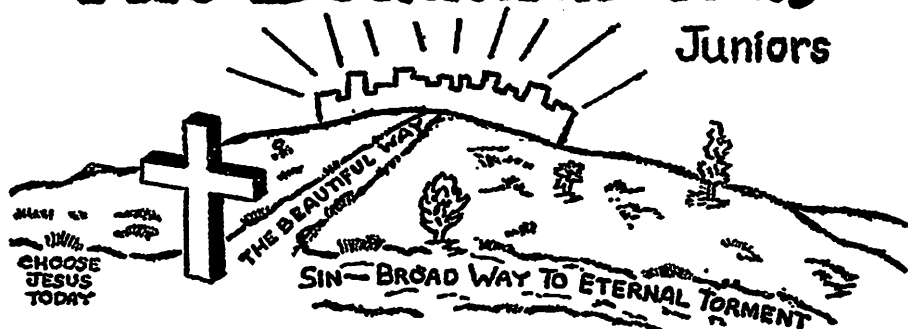
4. Is there a part of an armour for our backs?

5. Who is the devil an enemy of?

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Sept. 5

What is God?

God is love and mercy,
God is truth and grace,
God is life eternal
In the heav'nly place.

God abides a Spirit
Dwelling ev'rywhere,
God is ever faithful,
God is full of care.

God is just and holy,
None His hand can stay,
He can save the sinner
Who to Him will pray.
—Leslie Busbee

How God Preserves the Soul

The peaches and plums were ripe, and Mr. H. had sent several bushels to his home. What a treat the children were having! and how the fruit was disappearing! "We shall have to find another method of canning this fruit," their mother said presently, and she returned to the kitchen and began filling a pan with the peaches.

"How many volunteers can I get to help peel peaches?" All were eager to help and gladly ran for chairs and knives. Soon eight busy hands were working at the fruit. Hastening to and fro from kitchen, pantry, and cellar, Mrs. H. had plenty to keep her busy. Now and then she stopped beside the little group to advise, help, or replenish empty cans. At last she was ready to put the fruit inside the cans that she had so thoroughly cleansed. Then the covers were carefully screwed on. "Why do you have to be so careful in canning the fruit, Mama?" Harry asked as he noticed with what care she filled and sealed each jar.

"It is because I want the fruit to keep all winter, Harry, or until I care to use it," she answered. Then, turning to the children, she continued, "Children, do you know that when you become Christians you are as little jars of fruit all carefully sealed for the winter?"

"No, I didn't know it," said Harry. "How can that be?"

"It is this way," his mother answered as she picked up an overripe

peach: "As you see, this peach is still good, but it is very ripe. It will soon spoil unless I do something for it. But if I prepare it and carefully seal it in a jar, I can keep it as long as I wish. Now your heavenly Father sees that each of you must be preserved or sin will spoil you. It isn't necessary to prepare you just as we are preparing this fruit, but God has a way of preserving your soul so that Satan cannot harm you. As I cleanse the jars, so God cleanses the heart, taking out of it everything that is sinful. Then he pours in his love until the heart is full, and seals it with his Holy Spirit. God will keep you if your heart is full of his love."

Mrs. H. stopped long enough to put a fresh supply of fruit over the fire to cook and then continued:

"It is almost time for you to start to school again. I am sorry to give up our evening stories, but we shall have to do so for a while. There is, however, one thing that I want each of you to try to do this coming winter. It is to remember all you can of our evening talks about Jesus. I want you to see how much you can be like him in helping those around you.

"His life was unselfish, so try to be kind and generous to all. By your daily actions you can show the people how Jesus wants them to live. If you make a mistake, do not be afraid to say that you are sorry. Your actions may be the means of turning some one to God."

The fruit on the stove needed attention then; but when she again had a few minutes to spare, she continued:

"Boys, this coming year you are going to have temptations and trials that will be new and different to you. You are both growing rapidly and are fast leaving the simple ways of child-

hood for the broader ones of manhood. In other words, your minds are rapidly developing and are longing for action. You remember how Jesus felt at the age of twelve years? It is thus with all as the mind becomes more mature. There is a longing to be useful in the world. That is the most dangerous time in life. Satan knows this longing and endeavors to plan something harmful. That is the time when it is necessary to listen to Papa and Mama, and like Jesus, to heed what they say.

"Then, too, many remarks of older boys will make a different impression upon you from what they have ever made before, because your minds are more able to grasp their meaning. But boys, there is the danger. You will grasp them, but you will not be able to understand them. Now, Papa and I can explain these things in such a way that you not only will understand them, but will know more about yourselves."

(To be continued)

Heaven's Bank

The man who deposits a hundred dollars of gold coin in the bank and receives a receipt or check for the same, if he knows the bank to be a reliable one, does not go around every day and bother the banker, and want to look at his pile of money to see whether he has it on hand yet; but he just goes about his business, and the only thing he needs to look after is to see that he still has the receipt or check. The bank is all right just so long as he keeps the check. Then when he wants to make a draw on the bank he presents his check and receives just as much as he desires

of that amount. He has faith in the bank and then trusts them with his money, knowing that as long as the bank is reliable there is no danger of loss. When we get our hopes fixed on Heaven's bank and eternal things, we know that there is no danger of a failure; for God is eternal, and when we step out upon his promises, we can draw our supplies from him at any time we desire. When the disciples were out in the ship in time of storm and the waves were beating and the winds blowing furiously, they were very much afraid and called the Master. He rebuked the wind and storm, and his voice was obeyed, and there was a great calm. Then Jesus asked them, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" They saw that he had power to command the waves and the storm and do wonderful works. They had seen him perform wonderful things before this time, yet they became very fearful as the storm was raging about their ship. Just so it is with people when trials, and temptations seem to come in upon them like a flood; instead of having faith and keeping their eyes on the Lord for help with a perfect trust in him, they become excited, and are like Peter when he went to walk upon the water; he looked to the waves instead of to the Master, and began to sink. Perfect trust in God will take one through the most severe trial and test that it is possible for one to undergo, and the Lord will prove true to his word in every time of need. —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

There are sometimes those who desire to live in another country. They

do not like the country that they live in. Sometimes in that country they are not allowed to worship God as they want to. We think of the Puritans that we read about in the early history of the United States who came here because they could not worship God as they desired.

Our lesson tells us about a kingdom. This kingdom is the kingdom of Jesus. There is also a kingdom of the devil. I am sure there are many bad things in the kingdom of the devil, don't you think so? Maybe you can name some of them. We all like to be in the best kingdom or place, do we not? Now there are conditions that have to be met to get into the good kingdom of God. Those who try to come into the United States have to go through a lot of trouble and meet certain conditions. Now the first thing we have to do to get into the kingdom of Jesus is to come to the cross. The only way we can come to the cross is when we earnestly desire to get into this kingdom. We have to quit sinning. We have to be tired of living in the kingdom of the devil. As we look to God He will draw us toward the cross of Jesus Christ. When we arrive at the cross we look up and there we see Jesus hanging on the cross. We see Him to be one who did not sin and did not deserve to be put on the cross and die such a death of suffering. We then know that he did it only for us. He was willing to die on that cross that we might be saved. To think He loved us so much that He would die for our sins so we could get into the kingdom of peace, causes the tears to flow. It causes us to love him dearly. It makes us feel real low and humble. It makes us desire to serve and please Him all the days of our life. As God looks upon us kneeling at the cross He is pleased as He hears us confessing our sins and asking

for forgiveness. He reaches down and just picks us up and puts us or "translates us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Oh, how happy we are. Now we are at peace. We are clean and pure. We are in the faith.

The Lord now wants us to "continue in the faith." He wants us to walk worthy of the place God has put us. He wants us to continue to be strong and be fruitful in good works or ways. Boys and girls, value the faith that God has given you. Stand by it. Live by it and God will take you to be with Him some day to live in that world where there are joys and beauties untold. Continue to hold steady your faith in God. Don't let the devil or anyone else take it away from you.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, September 5, 1965

GROWING IN THE FAITH

Colossians 1:9-14, 19-23

Col. 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful unto every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light;

13 Who hath delivered us from the

power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in his sight:

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.

Memory Verse: Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13.

Central Thought: When we get into the kingdom of God we are then ready to grow in the faith.

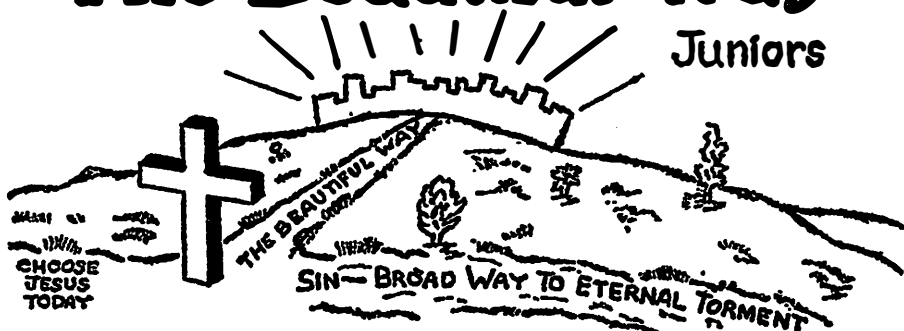
QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be translated into the kingdom of God?
2. How can we walk worthy of the Lord?
3. What does redemption mean?
4. What are we to not be "moved away from"?
5. What are the facts of the Bible that we have faith in?

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The Temple of God

God's temple is not made of stone
Nor fashioned by man's art;
The works of man He will disown
And will not have a part.

For all those things His Hand has
made,

Nor joy can they afford;
The heart of man in meekness laid
Is sought for by the Lord.

So may we give to Him today
Our love, our trust, our fear;
He will delight with us to stay
And shine His light so clear!

—Leslie Busbee

How God Preserves the Soul

(Continued from last week's paper)

Again the fruit needed her attention, but she found time soon to say: "And my dear little girls will hear things at school that they do not understand. I want them to come and tell me all about them, just the same as the boys do. Don't be afraid

that Mama will scold or find fault with you. Everything that you want to know I will tell you. Of course, if you should ask to know something that you could not understand, Mama would tell you to wait a little while. But you won't mind that, will you?"

At last all the fruit was in cans and set aside to become perfectly cool. Mrs. H. was very tired and needed rest, but she was not too weary to detect the anxious look in Harry's eyes.

"What is it, Harry?" she said tenderly as she went to him. "Is there something that you would like to tell me?"

They were all alone in the kitchen now, the other children having gone out to play.

"Mama," he faltered, "I should like very much to have a talk with you if you are not too tired."

"I am not," she said, and then the dear, bashful Harry poured out the thoughts of his troubled heart, and his mother understood how much he needed her help. God gave her the needed wisdom; and as the happy smiles again appeared on Harry's face

he tenderly kissed her, and said, "You have helped me much." And then he added, "You must remember that this is to be a secret between us." "Yes, Harry," his mother answered assuringly; "I will remember;" and then she added, "Have you ever thought, dear, that you have a great influence over your brother and little sisters? What you do, they will be apt to undertake; so Harry, do be careful what you do. Benny is a good boy, but he needs help and advice. You can be a real help to me if you will encourage him to do right, and in so doing you will be helping yourself and Jesus as well. Then our twilight stories will not have been in vain."

Harry went to join the other children, and Mrs. H. passed out to her accustomed place on the porch. Once more the twilight was changing to the deeper shades of night. The sound of the little katydids broke the stillness. The little birds had grown up and had left their nests in the garden hedge, but the whir and fluttering of wings in a grove close by told of a large colony of black birds. And here and there, flashing over the lawn, were the bright lanterns of the lightning-bugs. While Mrs. H. sat there in the stillness, she noted all these, as she had many a night before. Even the stars that looked down upon her from the sky received their share of her attention and added to the beauty and solemnity of the scene.

On the playground near by the sound of merry voices roused her from her reverie, and she reviewed the past few weeks. She thought of the anxiety she had felt for the children upon their return and of her reason for starting the Twilight Stories. Then she thought of Harry's talk in the evening.

Dear noble Harry! so full of ambitious desires! so true to his own convictions and so anxious to please the Lord, whom he was serving! so good and true, and yet tempted and tested just like all other boys!

Surely God was good! He had answered her request for wisdom and understanding to know how to guide these dear children. She was able not only to point out many dangers to her children, but also to help them right in the hour of trial and temptation. But how would it have been with Harry's future if she had carelessly overlooked his anxious glance this evening or had turned him away with a short or hasty word when he asked a puzzling question?

Again she breathed an earnest prayer to Him who giveth liberally, for grace ever to do her part in rearing her children, for wisdom to train and cultivate in them all the talents that would be useful in after-years; and for the power to understand their different peculiarities and failings, so that these very traits of character might become a benefit and not a hinderance. How long she would have continued to muse is uncertain, but just then the children returned from their play and ended her twilight meditations.

Harry's Missionary Potato

"I cannot afford it," said John Hale, a rich farmer, when asked to give to the cause of missions.

Harry, his wide-awake grandson, was grieved and indignant.

"But the poor heathen," he replied. "Is it not too bad they cannot have churches and schoolhouses and books?"

"What do you know about the heathen?" exclaimed the old man.

However, Harry was well informed in missionary intelligence, and day after day puzzled his curly head with plans for extracting money for the cause from his unwilling relative.

At last, seizing an opportunity when his grandfather was in good humor over the election news, he said: "Grandfather, if you do not feel able to give money to the missionary cause will you give a potato?"

"A potato?" ejaculated Mr. Hale, looking up from his paper.

"Yes, sir; and land enough to plant it in, and what it produces for four years?"

"Oh, yes," replied the unsuspecting grandparent, settling his glasses on his calculating nose in such a way that he showed that he was glad to escape on such cheap terms from the lad's persecution.

Harry planted the potato, and it rewarded him the first year by producing nine; these, the following season, became a peck; the next, seven and a half bushels. And when the fourth harvest came, lo, the potato had increased to seventy bushels! When these were sold, with a glad heart he put the amount realized into the treasury of the Lord. Even the aged farmer exclaimed: "Why, I did not feel that donation in the least! And, Harry, I've been thinking that if there were a little missionary like you in every house, and each one got a potato, or something else as productive, for the cause, quite a large sum would be gathered."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you receive your book free for getting three subscriptions to the "Beau-

tiful Way" paper? Maybe you forgot to get them in. How about doing that this very day! Just ask three to subscribe for the "Beautiful Way" paper which is 80c a year and send in the money. You will receive this book. I am sure you will like the book. It is called, "The Dangers of Ben-onies." It is especially written for Juniors but teen-agers and others like to read it, also.

I am sure that you, boys especially, can tell us all about what an athlete has to do to be a good one. If they are a wrestler or a boxer or just a foot racer, they have to be very careful what they eat or how they live. They can't eat a lot of sweets and cannot drink any strong drinks. They must get so much sleep and must not smoke cigarettes to be a good athlete.

Our lesson brings out the fact that you and I are running a race if we are on our way to heaven. There are certain rules for us to live by. We also must not abuse our bodies. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. We cannot drink strong drinks nor smoke cigarettes. We cannot give way to our fleshly desires. We must do as Paul in our lesson said. He said that he kept his body under subjection. He beat it under and refused to let his body and fleshly desires become his master. Boys and girls, we must do the same. Do not ever stay any where that you are not the master. If you are in a place where temptation is strong and you feel you are giving way to your body or fleshly desires you must run fast. Don't ever stay where you are not the master of your body. Then be sure that God is your master and then you can be the master of your body. We read one time where Joseph was tempted to do wrong. He ran from the room. The woman grabbed his outer coat. He just got out of the coat

and left it and ran. He refused to stay there. Don't forget his example.

The prize that the athletes received in that day when they won all the races, games and contests was to be proclaimed a great man. He received a pension the remainder of his life and was greatly honored. He also was given as a prize a crown or chaplet. This crown was made from ivy or boughs of pine. In time it would become dry and withered. Paul speaks of the crown that we will receive when we finish our race. It is a life in eternity with God. It will not fade or decay.

Our lesson also brings out the way we are to live to receive this crown. Boys and girls, it will be worth while to live for God here and then we can live with Him in eternity. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, September 12, 1965

HOW TO RUN THE RACE

1 Cor. 9:24-27; 10:12, 13, 23, 24, 31-33

1 Cor. 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13 There hath no temptation taken

you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

Memory Verse: Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Hebrews 12:11.

Central Thought: Keep the rules laid down in the Bible so we can run and win the prize.

QUESTIONS:

1. How does an athlete today have to live to win the prize?

2. Where do we find the rules to live by so we can win an eternal prize?

3. Are we to stay at a place where we are not the master of our own body?

4. How can we bear temptation?

5. How can we live to the "glory of God"?

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My Present Prayer

My Mother taught me first to say,
"Now I lay me down to sleep;"
Together we would kneel and pray,—
Then from my room she'd softly creep;

But now I've grown so big and tall
I add this to my evening prayer,
"Dear God, bless Mother most of all,
And keep her in Thy care."

And then quite often I repeat,
"Dear God in heaven above,
O make me ever really glad
And thankful for my Mother's love;
And then, dear Lord, may Mother dear

Be always glad to say,
"I'm thankful for my little child
Who helps me so each day." —Sel.

Keep Your Eyes on Heaven

Take for example a bus just starting on a journey of a hundred miles. Among the passengers are two young men. They are both going to the same place. They are going by the same

road; they are in the same bus, sitting on the same seat; they eat the same food; they breathe the same air; they look out on the same beautiful scenery; and yet, while one talks, and smiles, and looks bright, and happy as a summer morning, the other looks very differently. He speaks to no one. He never smiles. He takes no notice of the beautiful country; but, with downcast eye, and unhappy looks, he tries to avoid the eyes of those about him, and seems like the image of sorrow, and despair. The way they are traveling is a way of pleasantness to one of these young men, but a way of gloom and sadness to the other. And what makes the difference? It is the end they have in view. One of them has been traveling in Europe, for several years, and is now returning to the home of his childhood. His family and friends all eagerly expecting him, and ready, with open arms, and warm affectionate hearts, to welcome him back again. His heart is fairly dancing within him, and every nerve in his system is tingling with delight. He has a comfortable end in view, and

that makes his way all pleasantness. But the other—poor fellow!—he has committed a forgery. His crime has been found out. He has been taken up, and is now on his way back to be tried, condemned, and punished. The grief and sorrow of his family, and friends, and a prison with its deep and enduring disgrace—that is the end before him: and can you wonder that it makes his way a way of unpleasantness?

And the end we have in view, in the great journey of life, has just the same effect upon our feelings. Those who are walking in God's ways have a very comfortable end in view. They have a glorious home in heaven to look forward to. There, in the company of all good people, with the holy angels, and God their Father, and Jesus their blessed Saviour, they shall dwell forever in unspeakable happiness. Oh, this is a comfortable end to have in view! This cannot fail to make the ways of God pleasant to those who walk in them.

—Sermons for Children

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The Indian Boolie Dance

One dark night in Santa Catarina, Old Mexico, I was awakened about midnight by the dull continual beating of tom-toms or dry gourds filled with pebbles. The noise was coming just over the hill from our cottage. As everyone seemed to be sleeping in our cottage, I ventured out by myself to find the cause of the excitement.

I felt the cold wind of the dark winter night as I climbed the hill. The high white rocks were the only things visible as I passed. I could hear the shrieking laughter of the excited young Indian women as the men and

women chanted the old Boolie dance song.

On the top of the hill I hid behind one of the high rocks and peered down on the sloping hill to the lighted grounds around the thatched shack houses built of willow and long cactus stocks. The Indian men and women were tramping one way then the other way picking their feet up high and looking down as they danced together by the dull sound of the beating that was heard above the loud chanting of the natives. A weird feeling crept over me as I watched these natives perform the old, old dance of their forefathers.

As I began to descend the hill, I met the other missionaries who were also awakened by the noise and were coming to see the Indian dance. After we had watched for awhile, thinking we were hidden behind the rocks, we heard one of the Indian girls say, "They are gone now!" Then another one said, "No, they are still there." Then we knew we, too, were being watched! I have learned that it is almost impossible to hide from an Indian!

When one of these Boolie dances is performed, due to the superstitions of the Indians, they start dancing at sunset and do not end until sunrise. They have intermissions and some drink Keelo. This is some kind of drink they like. If they drink enough of this, they become drunk. We heard that the young Indians would rather perform other kinds of dances.

The Mexicans and especially the Indians are very superstitious. They usually go to the witch doctor when in trouble or get sick or have death in the family. The witch doctor claims she can talk to the spirit of the dead,

etc., and get messages from them for the loved ones left behind. A short time ago the witch doctor claimed the spirit of a dead person met her in the road and talked to her in Pai Pai—the Indian language. So she would have to wait longer until this could be interpreted into Spanish. The witch doctor leads the sick person to think he can be cured by letting her hang dead birds over his head and by putting raw eggs in his hair. They usually have a mixture of herbs for patients to drink. Some of our seemingly intelligent ones go to these witch doctors for treatments.

When a member of an Indian family dies, the Indians think the evil spirits are angry and are hanging about the place. Due to this belief they either burn the house wherein the one died or tear it down and move to a different location. This is one reason why their houses are not built very substantially for they think they may have to move. We can see pretty locations where pieces of houses are scattered and the Indians moved to a different place.

We are praying God to help us teach these dear people about Jesus and His precious blood to save from sin.

—Carrie Sheppard
Old Mexico

COULD IT BE?

"Why," asked a Sunday School teacher, "do young folks sometimes get in with the wrong crowd?"

"Maybe," answered the boy, "it's because the right crowd isn't friendly enough."

Could this possibly be said of your Sunday School, or your class? Is there a boy or girl wishing for a

friendly invitation to join your crowd?

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is very important today. We need to always pray that the Lord will help us to understand others. To understand a person would be to be able to know why they did certain things. For instance, Mary was in a hurry and she barely spoke to Emma. If Emma understood Mary she would think to herself that Mary would have spoken longer with me or stopped to chat a little while if she had not been in a hurry. But if Emma didn't show any understanding at all for Mary she would get hurt and would think that if that is the way she is going to treat me I will just leave her alone. Maybe Bill felt sorry for Jack. He saw that no one ever let him be first. Now Jerry and Bill were the best of friends. But this time when the game started and Bill was to do the choosing he chose Jack instead of Jerry first. Now if Jerry did not understand Bill and his motive he would get hurt and maybe he would work against Bill in the game. Boys and girls, we need to have an understanding, forgiving, and patient attitude toward others.

Our lesson tells us that Paul is begging Euodias (U-o-di-us) and Syntyche (Sin-ti-ke) to be more understanding of each other. It seems they did not see alike on some things. It is said that these two people needed to be "of the same mind in the Lord." When other people get hurt at each other and hold for their own way it hinders God's work as well as others.

Paul also speaks of some women who labored with him in the gospel. God wants women to work for him, too, as well as the men. When the Holy Spirit was given Peter said that what the pro-

phet had spoken had come to pass. God would pour out his Spirit upon his servants and handmaidens and they would prophesy or preach. (Acts 2:16-18).

It is going to take prayer to be able to help others and understand them. Our lesson tells us of something we need to put on or have on hand to help us to understand others. We are to have on bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, charity and peace. Think about each of these and see if you need more of any of them.

Our lesson also says if we have a quarrel against anyone we are to forgive them just like Christ forgave us. We are to let peace rule us and be our guide. We also are to be thankful. Boys and girls, put these things in practice and God will bless you, and your life will be a blessing to others and you will be happy.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, September 19, 1965

UNDERSTANDING OTHERS

Philippians 4:1-7; Colossians 3:12-15

Phil. 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Col. 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Memory Verse: And let us not be weary in well doing: For in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9.

Central Thought: God will help us to forgive others and understand them.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Paul want Euodias and Syntyche to do?

2. Can women work in the gospel for the Lord?

3. What does it mean to have your names written in the "Book of Life"?

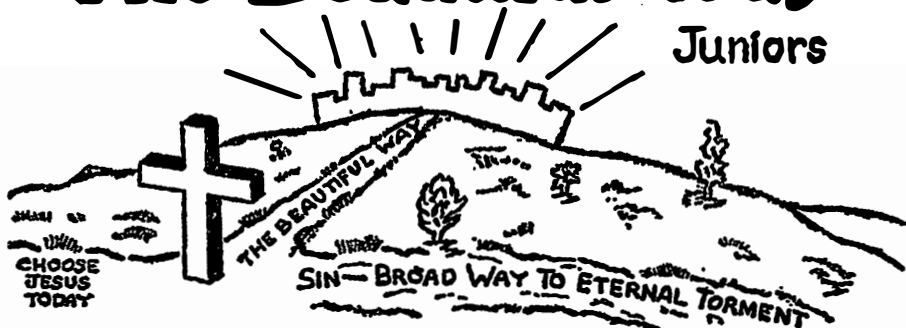
4. How are we to let our requests be known unto the Lord?

5. What are the things we need to put on to be a child of God?

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A Bit of Advice

Just wait a moment, my little lad,
And take a bit of advice:
'Tis better to do a thing right at first
Than to have to do it twice.
For half-way work will never do
For the boy who wishes to win;
So if you would have your work end right
Be careful how you begin.

The secret of all success, dear heart,
Is simple as two times two:
It is doing your very level best,
Whatever you find to do.
Start right, dear laddie, then straight
ahead.

What if the road leads uphill?
Success is waiting just at the top
For the lad of undaunted will.

—Selected

Little Things

There are many who seem to think that because they do not commit great sins they ought not to be looked upon as sinners at all. They do not think that little sins amount to any-

thing. But we must remember that in the Bible nothing is said about little sins or big sins. The person who sins, even though the sins committed may be looked upon as very small ones, is guilty before God, and in doing the wrong thing he also shows that he has a wicked heart.

Little things sometimes, like the hands of the clock, are pointers revealing greater things behind them. One drop of blood on a man's handkerchief caused him to be convicted of murder. A man in Jamaica, at night, by light of an insect called the candle-fly, was kept from stepping over a precipice of a hundred feet.

A great vessel put out from England for New York. It was well equipped, but in putting up a stove in the pilot box, a nail was driven too near the compass. The compass was affected by it and the officers put the ship two hundred miles off her right course. Suddenly the man on the look-out cried, "Land ho!" and the ship was brought to a stop only a short distance from destruction. A six-penny nail had nearly

caused the wrecking of a great vessel.

A small dam had been thrown across a stream. From this a little flume brought the water down upon a wheel which turned a miniature machine. But one day the wheel was brought over to the shop for repairs.

"What is wrong, Albert?" asked the boy's father.

"Oh, nothing, only a nail got out of the shaft, and the wheel wouldn't run any longer."

"Are you going to put in another?"

"Yes, sir; I mean to. It is a little thing, but the wheel won't run unless it is there."

A boy applied for work in a large department store. The manager looked him over with a sweeping glance and said, "We don't want you," and motioned him aside. As he stepped back a second boy came forward and the manager looked at him in the same sharp way he had looked at the first boy. He asked for the boy's recommendations, glanced at them a moment and told him to report at the office the next morning at eight o'clock. The first boy could not understand why he was instantly rejected and the second boy so quickly accepted. He stepped back to the manager and said, "I have good recommendations if you would like to look at them."

"I do not care to see them," replied the manager, "your yellow cigarette fingers and your cigarette breath are sufficient; we don't want you."

Little things are often an index of the character. As feathers floating in the air show which way the wind blows, so a word or a single act may reveal a good or a bad character. Watch the little things. —Selected

Workers Together

"Say, Raymond, I have an idea," Ralph said as he stopped and looked at a large mud puddle left in the yard by a recent rain.

"What sort of brainstorm do you have now?" Jerry said as he and Raymond walked up to Ralph's side where he stood looking at the big puddle. "You are always thinking up something."

"How about us moving this mud puddle," Ralph said as he walked around it. "We could dig another low place over here and then dig a ditch between them and let all the water run out of this one mud puddle into our new — should I say — new lake?"

"Say, that is a great idea," Raymond said. "But first, we will need to make the bed of our new lake."

The boys were soon at work and had the bed of their new lake all ready. Now the time had come to decide just how they would dig the ditch so they could drain the water out of the big puddle over into their new lake bed.

"I think we should start here and dig the ditch so the water will drain over," said Raymond. "This has the most slope to it."

"Say fellow, your eye sight must be bad," Ralph said. "That isn't down hill. I think it should be here."

"You are all wrong," Jerry said as he stood at a distance and looked everything over. "We will definitely have to dig it over here."

Soon the discussion became very heated. Each one wanted to do it his own way. Finally Raymond said that he would tear up their ditches if they started them. The work

came to a standstill. Raymond's mother was busy in the kitchen. She found a place where she could leave her work and went out to see what all the trouble was about. Each one told his plan about how it should be done. Each one seemed to hold to his point. Finally Mother said, "To accomplish anything great, you must be willing to work with others. Now you three boys will have to come to some agreement. The Bible says that we are to be "workers together." The twelve disciples, after the day of Pentecost, stood together, worked together, and the gospel spread far and wide. Many souls were saved. It all came about because they worked together. If you boys want to fill your new lake with the water from this mud puddle, you will have to agree on one plan and be willing to work together on that plan."

"Really, I think Raymond's idea was the best," Jerry said. "Don't you think that we had better do it his way?"

"Yes, I think so, because I am anxious to see how it will look for that water to drain into our lake."

Soon all were working together and their lake was full of water. M. Miles

Each kindness shown to birds and men is sure to flutter back again.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

What if you lived in a world where there was no love. Just think for a moment about it. No mother's or father's love. No brother's or sister's love. Not a bit of love from a friend, relative or any person. Everybody going around with a stern, stiff look on their faces. No smiles from your teacher or

neighbors. I am sure you can add more to this. I just wouldn't want to live in a world like that, would you? We know that there are those who do not smile very much or show much love to us but we do have someone who does. We appreciate all the love that we have given to us, don't we? Let me drop this one thought to you and that is that there will not be one bit of love in hell. Oh, that will be a terrible place to live in eternity! But in heaven it will be all love. It will be better than this world. There will not be one bit of anything but love.

Now the opposite of love is hate. What an awful word! It makes you shudder to even think of hate. Oh, how terrible it makes you feel when you have someone to tell you that they hate you and act so ugly toward you! Sometimes they will say such awful things that you can't keep from thinking about. The tears often fall even when you are by yourself and you think of those awful words and the way the person felt toward you. It is an awful thing to tell anyone you hate them. Boys and girls, don't ever do that. I know some boys and girls who get in a habit of telling another boy or girl that they hate them when something doesn't go to please them. This is an awful habit. If you would just stop and think what it means to hate someone I don't believe you would say that.

Our lesson tells us that if a man, woman, boy or girl says that he loves God and hates his brother or anyone, that he is telling a lie. Our lesson tells us that if you do not love others whom you see, then how can you love God whom you cannot see. Think about this. Repeat it and let it sink down deep into your heart, mind and soul. I know that you love God. Why, God saw your sins and He knew that you could not save yourself so he sent Jesus, his

innocent son, to die on the cross for your sins. You see, every sin had to be punished. Jesus took your punishment. Just like if someone would say, "I'll take your whipping for you." They did not do wrong but they took it so you would not have to take it. But of course Jesus does more for us than a person would do just taking a whipping for us. But now think for a moment if you say that you love God and hate your brother you are not telling the truth. Boys and girls, let us ask God to keep our hearts full of love for everyone.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, September 26, 1965

HAVE MORE LOVE

1 John 4:7-21

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the

Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Memory Verse: And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God loveth his brother also. I John 4:21.

Central Thought: You love God just as much as you love your brother.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did God make us know that He loved us?

2. Tell what it would be to live in a world without love.

3. How will it be in hell without love?

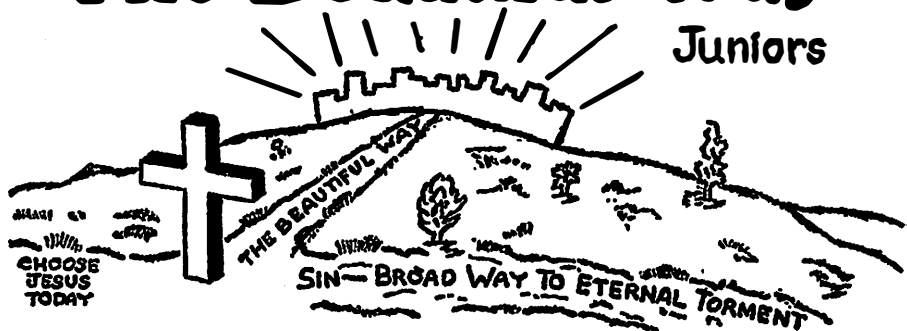
4. If we hate someone do we love God?

5. Will we fear to meet God if we love Him and our brother?

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Part One

Oct. 3

The Story of Joseph

"That was a precious story, dears,"
Said Mother who had read
Of Joseph and the trail of tears
God's will for him had led.

Said Susan, "Yes, but see the joy
That finally came to him;
None of his trials could destroy
Nor make his gladness dim."

Then Johnny close to Mother pressed,
And said triumphantly:
"We, too, like Joseph shall be blessed
If faithful we shall be."

—Leslie Busbee

From Slave to Ruler

Can you tell me who was one time
a slave and then became a ruler? Yes,
it was Joseph. I wonder why he
could not have grown up like other
boys and girls and then become a
ruler. Could you tell me what you
think the reason was that he first
was a slave then a prisoner before he

became a ruler? When I thought
about this it came to me that some-
times there are some things about
each one of us that God doesn't like.
We know that God made Joseph a
ruler. He wanted him to be a good
ruler. Maybe Joseph was a little
proud or had been petted too much
by his father. Now, a proud person
cannot be used of God. When a boy
or girl thinks he is real smart and
knows it all, God cannot use him. God
can only use boys and girls who grow
up to be humble and obedient to their
parents and others who are over them.
Maybe Joseph had to be taken away
from his father so he could look to
God alone. I am sure he didn't feel
proud in that faraway country. He
felt real small and no doubt he begged
God to bless and help him out. He
looked to God for love as he did not
have his father to love him. He, no
doubt, was a different boy there than
he was at home. He held his faith
in God.

I once knew a little girl who was
very stubborn. She always wanted
her own way. She would cry, stamp
her foot and fuss until she got her

way. Her mother would spank her but she never did make her stop her ugly ways. That girl grew up to be a proud young woman who still wanted her own way. She married a young man but could not get along with him. She didn't care for her children because she was selfish. She finally left her husband and her children. She has had lots of trouble and it is all because she always wanted her own way. God could never use her nor make her a blessing to others.

I knew another little girl who also wanted her way but her mother punished her and worked with her until she became a sweet little girl and an obedient one. She grew up to be a young woman who was obedient to her parents and when she married she was not selfish. She did not think of herself. She was willing to obey God and live by the Bible. The hard spankings she got as a child made her a good young woman and a good wife and mother to her children.

God knew it would take some hard things for Joseph to go through to make him a good ruler. He permitted him to be lied upon and put in prison. Later he was made a ruler. When he saw his brothers he did not want to cause them trouble as he had had. He forgave them and freely took care of them through the famine. He was not a selfish, hard-hearted ruler. He was a kind, merciful ruler. Boys and girls, let the hard things you go through cause you to get good out of them. Learn lessons for good out of each hard problem you face. Don't be rebellious but obedient and grow up to be a kind, loving, forgiving person. God can use you then.

—Marie Miles

A Child Prays for Her Father

A child from a poor family had an intemperate father, who often used to abuse his wife and children. This child had been to the Sunday School and had gotten saved. The physician told the father that his little girl would die. No! he did not believe it. Yes, she will—she must die in a few hours. The father flew to the bedside; would not part with her, he said.

"Yes, Father, you must part with me, I am going to Jesus. Promise me two things. One is, that you won't abuse mother any more, and will drink no more whiskey."

He promised in a solemn, steady manner. The little girl's face lighted up with joy.

"The other thing is, promise me that you will pray," said the child.

"I cannot pray; don't know how," said the poor man.

"Father, kneel down, please. There, take the words after me. I will pray; I learned how to pray in Sunday School, and God has taught me how to pray, too; my heart prays, you must let your heart pray. Now say the words."

And she began in her simple language to pray to the Saviour of sinners. After a little while he began to repeat after her; as he went on his heart was interested, and he broke out into an earnest prayer for himself; bewailed his sins, confessed and promised to forsake them; entered into covenant with God; light broke out upon him in his darkness; how long he prayed he did not know; he seemed to have forgotten his child

in his prayer. When he came to himself he raised his head from the bed on which he had rested it; there lay the little speaker, a lovely smile was upon the face, her little hand was in that of the father, but she had gone to be among the angels.

Surely I Come Quickly

I'm so glad I got saved. We never know when the world will end. Get saved while you can. Time here on earth is short. "Behold, I come quickly." Rev. 22:7.

If you will come to God with a sad heart and pray and ask him to forgive you, the love, joy, and peace of God will come into your heart. Just think! God will heal you when you are sick, and help you to shed habits that are bad for your body and soul.

Another thing, God wants us to feed the sheep and care for the lambs, the little lambs. Let us work quickly for we are in the evening light of time. Please, sinner friend, come to Jesus and get salvation. Who knows, in a few days your soul might be eternally lost in that awful lake to burn forever. Please keep these words in mind, "Surely I come quickly!"

I am 11 years old. Pray for me that I might be pleasing to Him.

—David Williamson

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I want to say that I do thank God for all the boys and girls who have given their hearts to Jesus. You need Jesus to help you face the many problems that you meet in life. Jesus is so good to us. I do love my Lord and Saviour and my greatest desire is to please Him.

I hope that is your greatest desire, also. In school you will meet many who do not love the Lord nor want to do right. Boys and girls, you must not let others cause you to do wrong. If you will do the right it will help others to know what is right. I am so happy that you love the Lord.

Our lessons for this quarter will be very interesting. We will talk about a different character in the Bible each Sunday. They are all different but each one believed in the true and living God. Having faith in God is so important.

Joseph was loved by his father because he was the son of his old age and the son of his wife Rachel, whom he loved dearly. Because Israel (or Jacob) loved Joseph, his brothers hated him. They sold him as a slave. He was a good slave. He trusted in God and cheerfully took care of his master's goods. He was honest and his master put all he had into his hands to manage. He might not have understood why he had been mistreated but he knew that God knew all about it. He knew God would take care of him. After his master's wife told an untruth about Joseph, he was put in prison. He did not mourn his fate in prison but was busy helping others. He still held his faith in God. He still believed God understood all about why he was there. In prison he helped two other prisoners of the king by telling them the interpretation of their dreams. Later when Pharaoh had a dream, the former prisoner remembered how Joseph had interpreted his dream. Joseph, by God's help, told the king what his dream meant. The king put Joseph in charge of collecting grain for the seven years of plenty so they could take care of the people during the seven years of famine. During the famine Joseph anxiously watched for his brothers to come to buy grain as the famine reached them

in their land. He was glad to see them but he did not tell them right away who he was but he tested them to see what kind of men they were. The last part of our lesson tells us about how he made himself known to them. Surely Joseph is an example of returning good for evil. He did not blame his brothers but he still knew God had permitted it all to happen. God prepared Joseph to sit on a throne by letting him be a slave and a prisoner. Boys and girls, God can only use humble, kind and obedient people. Those who are proud, rebellious and stubborn are going to have lots of trouble in this world. May God bless each one of you. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, October 3, 1965

JOSEPH

Genesis 37:3, 4; 39:20-22; 45:3-8

Gen. 34:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

39:20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

45:3 And Joseph said unto his brethren,

I am Joseph: doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

Memory Verse: But as for you, ye thought evil against me: but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Gen. 50:20.

Central Thought: Believe in God and in the time of trouble He will take care of you.

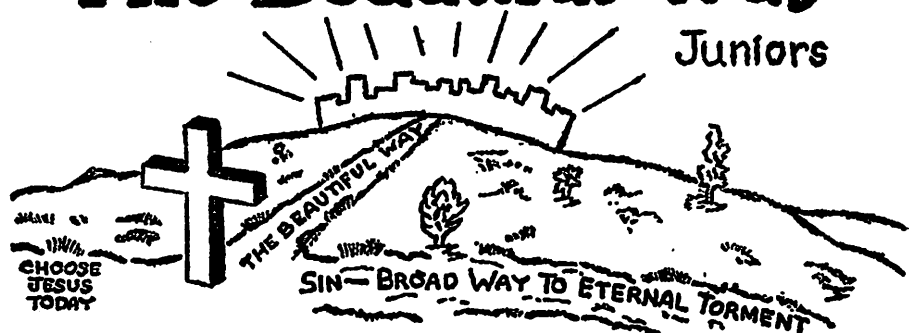
QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Jacob (or Israel) love Joseph so much?
2. How did his brothers show their hatred toward Joseph?
3. Did Joseph become a good slave?
4. Was Joseph a good prisoner?
5. Did Joseph forgive his brothers?

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Oct. 10

The Story of Jethro

When Mother ended the account
Of Jethro great and wise,
Who spoke with Moses at the mount
And opened up his eyes,

Then Johnny said, "Poor Moses! how
So glad he ought to be
Before another's word to bow,
From care to be set free."

"God help us, then," was Susan's
pray'r

Before she fell asleep,
"The counsel of the wise to share,
The law of life to keep."

—Leslie Busbee

Let Others Help You

"Son, did you do what I told you
to do?" asked Daddy.

"Do this and do that! All I hear
is 'Do this and do that,' " said Bill
in an outburst of temper. "I get
so tired of having to do what others
tell me to do."

"Why son, I am surprised at you,"
said Daddy, looking very grieved, yet
knowing that his son needed some
firm discipline. "Come with me. We
need to have a little talk."

Bill went with his father into the
bedroom. He knew that he should
not have said what he did. He knew
that it was wrong to talk that way
to his father but he had been so tired
of his teacher telling him what to
do. And then the lady whose lawn
he had mowed had been so hard to
please. When he got into the bed-
room he didn't feel quite so upset but
he still had the feeling that he was
big enough to know what to do with-
out being told so often.

"Son, the first thing I want to ask
you is, do you think it was right for
you to talk to your father as you
did?" said Bill's daddy.

"No, Daddy, I know I should not
have said what I did," said Bill.

"Now I want to know why you
talked as you did," said Father.
"There must be some cause besides
my asking if you had put the lawn
mower away as I had told you to."

Bill opened his heart to his father.

He told him all about the teacher and the lady he had mowed the lawn for and then it seemed he never made his bed to please mother and sometimes he felt closed in and that someone was after him every time he turned around. "Daddy, sometimes I don't know what to do. I try but someone is always telling me what to do."

"Son, I think you are looking at it in a wrong way," said Father. "Why don't you look at it this way. When Mother tells you that you need to straighten the bedspread, you want to think how nice it is that Mother takes time to help you to know how to make a bed that looks real nice. Then when Mrs. Davis tells you to edge the driveway a little better and shows you how or tells you that you need to cut the grass around the trees, that it is real nice of her to help you to know how to make a lawn look nice. Then when Daddy tells you to put the lawn mower in the garage you want to think that it is nice of Daddy to teach you to take care of things. Don't you think that would help you not to get so upset when you are told to do things if you would look at it that way?"

"I guess so," said Bill. "I never thought of it in that way before."

"I am not going to punish you this time for talking to me the way you did," said Daddy. "I feel that you are sorry about it, aren't you?"

"Oh, yes, Daddy," said Bill. "I am so glad that you have helped me to see things differently. I already feel better. I am going to try to think that instead of others getting after me that they are trying to help me."

Later Daddy asked Bill how he was coming along and if it was helping him to be glad that others were help-

ing him to learn how to do things better. Bill told his dad that he was much happier and that it seemed that no one got after him any more.

"Bill, always remember that there is One who is greater than any person in this world who also wants to help you," said Daddy. "Can you tell me who that is?"

"Yes, that is Jesus," said Bill.

"And if we learn to do what others tell us, then it will be easier for us to do what Jesus tells us to do in the Bible," said Daddy. "If we do what Jesus tells us to do it will mean that we will live in heaven forever when we die. I am sure you want to go to heaven."

"Yes, I love Jesus and want Him to always help me," said Bill. —M. Miles

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Do You Know . . .

That ten of our States were named in honor of celebrated people? Delaware was named for Lord Delaware; Georgia for George II; Louisiana for Louis XIV; Maryland for Henrietta Maria, wife of Charles I of England; New York for the Duke of York; the Carolinas for Charles IX of France; Pennsylvania for William Penn; Virginia for Elizabeth, called the "Virgin Queen," and Washington for the "Father of His Country."

Many times a place or a group of people are given a name similar to the name of their leader, or one whom they wish to honor. The followers of Jesus Christ "were called Christians first in Antioch." The hand of the Lord was with them as they taught many people, and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord (Acts 11:21, 16). No doubt it was

with them as it had been with Peter and John, the people "took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." One of the definitions of "Christian" given in the dictionary is: "having the qualities demonstrated and taught by Jesus Christ." A Christian is one who has received Jesus into his heart and life and shows that life through his own.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

We hope when you think of Moses you will think of his father-in-law, Jethro. We do not know much about Jethro (Jeth-ro) but the Bible tells us that he was a priest of Midian and he knew the true and living God. Jethro, in the Bible, was called Reuel and also Raguel.

While Moses as in the house of King Pharaoh he tried to help the Israelites who were being treated as slaves by the Egyptians. The Israelites did not understand Moses' help so he fled far into the desert to the land of Midian. Moses was very tired from his long journey so he sat down by a well. The shepherds were bringing their sheep to the well to give them water. The seven daughters of Jethro brought their sheep to the well to give them water. The other shepherds would drive them away and give their flocks water first. Moses saw the injustice of it all so he helped the daughters of Jethro to water their sheep. When Jethro's daughters arrived home earlier than usual Jethro asked them about it. They told him about the stranger at the well who had helped them. Jethro sent the daughters to bring Moses to him. He invited Moses to live with them and later Moses married Zipporah (Zi-po-ruh), who was one of

Jethro's daughters. Moses cared for Jethro's sheep and learned many secrets of the desert while he lived there for forty years. This was valuable to him as he later brought the children of Israel from Egypt into the desert where they lived many, many years.

One day God talked to Moses from the burning bush. Moses started back to Egypt to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt as God had told him to do. He took Zipporah and his sons part way with him but they went back to their father's house. Moses, through the mighty power of God, brought 600,000 men besides women and children out of Egypt to take them through the desert to the land of Canaan that God had promised to them through Abraham.

Our lesson starts with Jethro coming to bring Moses' wife and two sons to him where he was encamped with the Israelites near Mount Sinai. Moses was happy to see his father-in-law, his wife and sons. He kissed Jethro and bowed before him. He asked about his welfare and Jethro was anxious to hear all that had happened since they had last met. Jethro blessed God and rejoiced with Moses for all God had done in delivering the Israelites from the hard taskmasters in Egypt. Jethro, a priest, offered sacrifices to God.

The next day was a busy one for Moses. All day long there was a line of people coming to him about their problems. Jethro watched and saw how tired Moses looked. He then gave him some good advice. Moses took his advice. Boys and girls, regardless how small we might feel or how great we might feel, all of us can learn lessons from others. Always be ready to learn. Listen to what others tell you. Then we should also be like Jethro. We want to be able to help others when we see them in need.

—Aunt Marie

JETHRO

Exodus 18:5, 10, 11, 13-22

Ex. 18:5 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:

10 And Jethro said, Blessed be the Lord, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.

13 And it came to pass on the morning, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?

15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God:

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me: and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

17 And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.

18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way therein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

Memory Verse: He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Prov. 13:20.

Central Thought: As the great man, Moses, was able to learn from Jethro, so may God help us to learn from others that we meet in life.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Jethro and what relation was he to Moses?

2. How many daughters did he have that are mentioned in the Bible?

3. What was the name of the daughter of Jethro that Moses married?

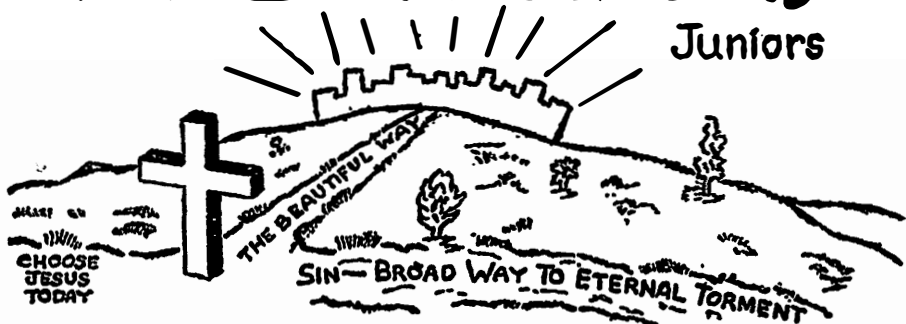
4. When Jethro took his daughter and grandsons to Moses in the wilderness, what did Moses tell him God had done for him?

5. How did Jethro advise Moses?

6. Are we to listen to others when they want to give us advice that is good?

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Oct. 17

Sweeping Behind The Door

She sang a bit of a happy song—

A dear little girl I knew—

Setting the tiny room to rights

As about her work she flew.

And keeping time to this little rhyme

She swept the littered floor—

"Oh, don't forget little girl, little girl,

To sweep behind the door."

Oh, many and many a time since then

Have I thought of that little song,

Of that little lass, and her sermon and
text,

That I shall remember long.

For life has many rooms to sweep,

And many a littered floor;

We must not forget as our tasks we do

To sweep behind the door. —Sel.

Do It Well

I remember reading once of a bird, of the bobolink species, that was confined with some canaries. When it heard the canaries sing, the bobolink tried to imitate them, but found it

could not. Then it began a regular series of experiments, and, taking one note at a time, and trying until it mastered that, it went on, till at last it actually learned all their notes and could join in concert with the canaries and sing as well as they.

Boys and girls, I feel we can learn a lesson from the bobolink. The bobolink didn't think it was too hard to learn to sing like a canary, but it tried again and again. I know some boys and girls who won't try to do anything hard but just quit trying because it seems hard. Why not take it slowly at first and then keep trying until you can do the hard things.

God gave us a body that needs to be used. Of course, you will have to take it slowly at first because your muscles have not been used and they will get a little sore. But after a few days you won't be sore if you keep exercising them. Soon you can do the same thing that at first made you feel sore without any tiredness or soreness.

Did you know that those whom God calls to do something special for Him

are only those who are busy. God doesn't have any place to work in His vineyard for those who are lazy. Remember when Jesus called Matthew that he was busy collecting taxes. When He called Peter and Andrew, his brother, they were fishing. When God called Elisha to work for Him, he was in the field plowing. The little girl who helped Naaman to know about the God of Israel who could heal was a little servant girl. Many times God calls boys and girls, men and women to do something special for Him but they are not lazy people. So boys and girls, when you do any kind of work, learn to do it well. You are the boys and girls who will grow up to be men and women who are needed to help in this great big world.

—Sister Marie Miles

A Great Man Works

Our own great and good Washington was as remarkable for his industry as he was for every excellence that could adorn a man, a general, or a ruler. On one occasion during the Revolutionary War, he was going round, in disguise, to visit some log-forts, that were being built. In the course of his walk, he met with a company of men, who were hard at work, under the command of a corporal. This petty officer, proud of his elevation above the common soldiers, was walking about, full of the thought of his own importance, and crying out, every now and then, "Come! work away, boys!" but he never offered to help them. But Washington, when he saw that the men had more work than they could well do, took off his coat, at once,

and began to help them, saying, "Spring to it, my brave fellows! we are working for our country; let us do it with a good will." He worked away with him, till they got through and then when he was putting on his coat, he asked the officer why he did not help the men, when he saw they had more work than they could well do. "I would have you know, Sir," said the little man, "that I am a corporal; I don't work!" "Oh, are you, Sir?" said the great man. "I would have you to know that I am the commander-in-chief, and I do work."

Peter and the Stones; Or, Many Hands Make Light Work

It was a fine sunshiny afternoon when his father said to him, "Peter, my boy, go into that field and gather up all the large stones."

Peter went, of course, for he was a good lad, and his father was one of those men whom it would be unwise to disobey.

Peter went; but as the birds sang cheerily, the sun shone pleasantly, all nature looked charming, it was just possible that Peter might have been quite as pleased if he had been allowed to ramble at his pleasure that afternoon.

However, Peter went to work, stone after stone was put in the basket; yet there was a great deal to do—and the afternoon was so fine! Presently he heard in the adjoining field the shout of a large number of boys, from the National School—they had just got a half-holiday—and with a whoop and hurrah they had run into the field. They soon saw Peter, who was a favorite with them.

"Peter, Peter, we've a holiday, come

and have a game!"

"No, I can't," said Peter; "Father has told me to pick up the stones in this field, and I must not leave till the job is finished."

This puzzled them all for a moment when a noble-hearted boy shouted,

"Shall we go and help Peter?"

The question was at once responded to heartily—and the boys were soon over the stile into Peter's field—and quickly comprehending the matter, distributed themselves and by dividing the labor they were not long in accomplishing it—the field was cleared—Peter was released—and the whole of the boys soon returned to their place for play—glad that they had shared in the labor which released their favorite play-fellow; and all the more disposed to enjoy recreation, because they had done something to earn it.

What it would take one long to accomplish, many may speedily do. It only requires a generous heart to be useful—and in such usefulness there is a rich reward.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about something that is sometimes hard for you to do. It has just four letters in it. The word starts with a W. Can you guess what it is? It is W-O-R-K. Just to think of that word makes some of you groan and get real tired all of a sudden, doesn't it? I know you are at the age when you are growing and it takes a lot of energy to grow, but you want to grow strong, don't you? The best way to do that is to use those muscles and not let them get flabby. It will take some effort on your part to do that. Of course most of you are ready for a good hard work-out

when it comes to playing ball or jumping the rope or climbing a tree but it doesn't take nearly that much work to empty the trash for mother or to mow the lawn, or sweep the floor, or make up your bed, or pick up your clothes, or set the table. So, boys and girls, let us look the word "work" squarely in the face and say that you will not let him master you. You will not be afraid of him. When anything is mentioned for you to do that is work you must face it squarely and overcome that big monster called work. Boys and girls, never give in to laziness. Hard work will not hurt you.

Our lesson today is about a man that God asked to do a lot of work. God had told Moses he wanted him to build a tabernacle, which has two rooms. One room is the holy place and the other is the most holy place. The ark of the Covenant was put in the second room of the tabernacle. This tabernacle had to be built just right. It was to be very, very beautiful. God wanted the very best of handiwork in it. He wanted the material to be woven just right. The colors were to blend and be the prettiest. The embroidery work was to be the very best. And who was chosen to oversee this work? Did Moses choose this man? No, God chose Be-zal-e-el to do it. Bezaleel was filled by God with the spirit of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship. Not only was he given the oversight of this work, but he was also to teach another man to help him. This man's name was A-ho-li-ab. The Lord also put it in the heart of others to help in all kinds of work to make the tabernacle beautiful. They did their work well and God was pleased with it and the tabernacle was beautiful.

Now the tabernacle was a type of what God does for us in our hearts to-

day—the two works of grace; justification, which is forgiveness of sins, and sanctification, which is receiving the Holy Spirit. Having this in our hearts makes our lives beautiful. That is the reason God wanted the type to be beautiful.

Take time some day to look up and see what the grandfather of Bezaleel did. His name was Hur. You can find it in Exodus 17:10-12. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, October 17, 1965

BEZALEEL

Exodus 35:30-35; 36:1-3a; 38:22, 23

Ex. 35:30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

33 And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

36:1 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and under-

standing to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.

2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

3a And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal.

38:22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord commanded Moses.

23 And with him was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and in fine linen.

Memory Verse: Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord. Romans 12:11.

Central Thought: Do not let work conquer you, but conquer it by working willingly.

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the man who was the overseer of the work on the tabernacle?

2. Who gave him the special skills needed for doing this work?

3. What was the name of his helper?

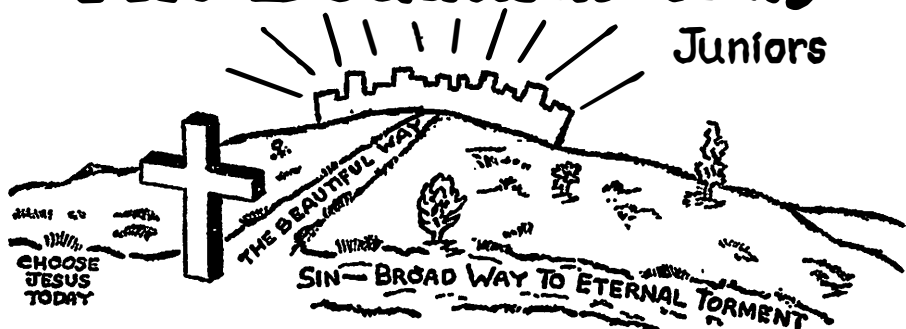
4. Why did God want the tabernacle to be very, very beautiful?

5. What was the name of Bezaleel's grandfather and what did he do?

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The Story of Caleb

"Oh, what a man of faith and trust
Was Caleb!" Mother said,
When she the story of his life
To John and Susan read.

"His faith and willingness to press
Against all foe and fear
Gave him in Canaan blessedness,
And for his future cheer."

And then they prayed: "Lord, help
us be

As Caleb was of old,
To gain the promises from Thee
Of life and wealth untold."

—Leslie Busbee

It Pays to be a Christian*

"I have an idea!" said Richie excitedly. "You know how last year at Halloween we did such mean tricks and I think this year we should set a better example, since we are all saved now."

"What is your idea?" asked Gail and Naomi at the same time.

"Out with it," Bert said. He had great admiration for Richie. He remembered how last year he had a lot of ideas to play tricks on others at Halloween and they got into trouble. He also admired Richie for how he led the way for them to make it right after they had become saved at campmeeting. He remembered how Mr. Afton looked when all of them marched up to the door and asked his forgiveness for walking on his wet cement on Halloween night last year.

"I thought that we should do something nice for those whom we did mean tricks to last year. How about it?" said Richie as he finished chewing on a cookie. Several gathered at Beth's house and she had served them cookies.

"That is fine. It makes me feel better to think of doing that than it did last year when we planned all of those mean tricks. I felt condemned way down deep," said Beth.

"I felt worse when I had to go to bed at eight o'clock for a week," said Gail.

"I am sure our parents will be glad

*parable

when they hear about our new plans," said Naomi.

"Most of all God will be pleased," said Richie. "I have been praying a lot and I feel that it isn't fun to hurt people and their property. That is going beyond fun. We can have a nice time without hurting anyone."

They made their plans and then with the approval of their parents they started out on Halloween night.

Squish! The water dashed against the windows of Mrs. Plaster's back shed. Last year they had soaped her front picture window and now they wanted to do something nice for her. Just as they finished cleaning the last window the lights went on and she came to investigate. They ran fast so she would not know who it was.

"Who has the rakes?" asked Bert as they hurried down the street headed for Mr. and Mrs. Brown's house. "I noticed his yard was full of leaves."

"I hid them close by this afternoon," said Richie. "I am sure we can get it done because both of them are hard of hearing and they won't know until morning."

"I'm tired," said Naomi. "I am glad that we girls get to rest while you boys slip up and put that book in Mr. Afton's milk box on his porch. I do hope you don't get caught. Did everyone sign his name in it? I know he will be glad for it."

The evening fast sped away as the young people did nice things for different ones in their neighborhood. Soon they were on their way to Bert's house.

"I wonder where the folks went tonight," said Bert as they all came up on the porch. The house was all dark and looked as if no one was at

home. All of a sudden the lights were turned on in the whole house. As they opened the door they were surprised to see their parents there waiting for them. They got a whiff of fresh doughnuts and on the table they saw punch, home made candy, and candied apples. They just didn't know what to say.

"Help yourself," Bert's father said. "We felt we wanted to do something special for all of you since you were out doing something real special for others. We appreciate all of you so much for your wonderful conduct the last few months. Salvation has made a change in you. We have all talked it over and feel that we should plan with you things to do that are right. Next Saturday we want to take all of you fishing before it gets any colder. How would you like that?"

"All I can say is that it pays to be a Christian," said Richie. All the others felt the same way. —M. Miles

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Light in a Dark Place

Moffat, the missionary, tells of a beautiful incident. "In one of my early journeys I came with my companions to a heathen village on the banks of the Orange River. We had travelled far and were hungry, thirsty and tired, but the people of the village roughly directed us to halt at a distance. We asked for water but they would not supply it. I offered three or four buttons off my coat for a drink of milk but they refused; so we had the prospect of another hungry night at a distance from the water. When twilight came on, a woman approached from the height beyond the village. She bore on her

head a bundle of wood and had a vessel of milk in her hand. Silently she handed the latter to us and returned to her village. A second time she came with the pot on her head, a leg of mutton in one hand and water in the other. Silent still she sat down, prepared the fire and put the meat on. She remained silent until we begged her to give us a reason for such unlooked-for kindness to strangers. Then the tears rolled down her cheeks and she replied: "I love Him whose you are and surely it is my duty to give you a cup of cold water in His Name. My heart is full, therefore I cannot tell the joy of seeing you in this out-of-the-way place." On learning a little of her history and that she was a solitary light burning in a dark place, I asked her how she kept the light of God burning in that solitary and dark spot. She drew from her bosom a copy of the New Testament she had received a few years before. "This," she said, "is the fountain from whence I drink; this is the oil that makes my lamp burn." Selected

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about a man of faith. His name is Caleb. He was a man not afraid of giants. Did you ever see a giant?

Moses sent twelve men to the land of Canaan to see what kind of people lived there. He wanted these men to let him know just what they were to expect when he marched his soldiers into the land to take it. God had brought them out of Egypt and promised to give them the land of Canaan. God had promised to fight their battles for them and drive out the wicked people who were to be punished.

The people waited anxiously for the twelve spies to return. What would be the report of the land that lay before them? Would the people be weak or strong was a very important question to be answered by the 12 spies.

Word soon passed through the camp that the men had returned. Soon a large group gathered, including Moses and Aaron. They were amazed as they looked at just one big cluster of grapes that two men had carried on a rod between them. They gave a good report of the land. They said it flowed with milk and honey. But ten of the spies told them that the people of that country lived in walled cities and were strong. They said that they were just like grasshoppers besides the giants they had seen. This caused the people to tremble. They began to murmur and complain. But Caleb stood up and told them to be quiet. Caleb said that they should go up at once and take the land. He told them that God would help them and his faith took in victory over all of their enemies. But they would not go up. Oh, that there were more people like Caleb! Caleb did not look at the giants, walled cities, and the human strength but he looked higher than that. He looked at the God of all power and counted him in with them. When he looked at it like that he could boldly say what was in his heart, "We are well able to overcome."

They did not listen to Caleb and Joshua who were the two spies that brought back a good report. God punished the people because of their fear. They had to go back into the wilderness and live until all were dead who refused to go up against the people. Joshua and Caleb were allowed to go after 40 years of wandering around in the wilderness.

The part of our lesson recorded in Joshua, 14th chapter, tells about Caleb, after the people were in Canaan and

they were dividing the land. He wanted to fight against the people who lived in the land that was promised to him. God blessed him and he took the land although he was old. Boys and girls, always count God in and you can overcome all the problems of life.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, October 14, 1965

CALEB

Numbers 13:30-32; Joshua 14:6-12

Num. 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, the land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

Joshua 14:6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.

7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadeshbarnea to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the

people melt: but I wholly followed the Lord my God.

9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God.

10 And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said.

Memory Verse: I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13.

Central Thought: Be sure your leader has faith in God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who were the spies who brought back a good report?

2. What was the name of the land they went to spy out?

3. Why did Caleb say that they were "well able to overcome" the land and people?

5. Were the people punished who did not have faith in God?

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Samson's Fate

Now, children, here's a story sad
Of Samson's awful fate,
And how he went from good to bad,
His lesson learned too late.

Oh, yes, 'tis true: great pow'r had he
To conquer any foe:
Yet wise and true he would not be
The fear of God to know.

Take lesson here! Be wise and good,
And use your power aright;
Thus blessings rich will crown your
hood
An everlasting light!

—Leslie Busbee

"You Had Better Get Saved"

My mother died when I was a baby.
My dad reared me and tried his best
to teach me right from wrong. I
obeyed him when I was small. But
as I got older I quit listening to my
dad as I thought I knew it all. Now
I see how wrong I was. Had I lis-

tened to him I would have been spared
much trouble. I ran away from home
to keep from obeying. But friends,
I want to say I have learned that you
cannot run away from truth, no mat-
ter how far you run. It always
catches up with you. What is really
sad is that I was trying to run away
from God. I wouldn't even let people
talk to me about God. Many times
when people asked me, "Why don't
you get saved?" I said I intended
to some day. But now is the time
to get saved. Friends, if I could live
my life over I am sure it would be
much different.

I was first sent to the reform school
at the age of twelve. That was not
enough to teach me so I kept on in
sin until I was sent to the Federal
Reform School in Washington, D. C.
I didn't learn from that, either. I
again found myself disobeying the
law and at the age of 18 was sent to
the State Penitentiary in Mississippi.
You can see how sin kept leading
me on. During my stay in the pen-
itentiary many things happened and
I hardened my heart against God. I
begged many times to die. Death

would have been better than the agony I was in I thought. I could not sleep at night for fear of someone trying to bring me deeper in sin. Friends, believe me, I didn't even know that there was a God. I said many times to myself if there is a God why does He put up with the things I do. Why doesn't He put a stop to it? I didn't know that He loved me enough to die on Calvary for me and through His precious blood I could be saved. But, friends, I want you to know that I didn't stop my sins until I was 20 years old. That is my age now.

After I was put in the Amite, La. jail, I still knew nothing of God. But one day as I was playing cards, after a church service in the jail, a person came and called me up to the bars of the jail and said to me, "You had better get saved." That very night I gave up smoking and playing cards. I went through the next week wondering about this person and what they had said. I even started praying and asking God to help me to find the answer. I guess I will never really understand what made that person say that to me but it will always be on my heart. I asked some of the men, "Why do you think she said that?" They couldn't answer me.

I am glad now that I can say on June 27, 1965 I truly accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour and Guide. I hope that somehow I will be able to lead others to Christ. If you are not saved today I plead with you to take a real good look at yourself before it is too late. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23. This is a wonderful verse. Will you give up that road of sin and truly come to

Christ? It was for us that Jesus bled and died on the cross of Calvary. He gave us His seat in heaven and shed his precious blood that we might be saved.

I know that there are many who are not saved and are walking the streets but I would not trade places with them. Even if my body is in jail behind walls my soul is free from sin. May God bless you is my prayer.

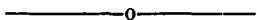
—James White

(The above is part of a testimony that James White wrote to be published in the "Faith and Victory" paper on July 7, 1965. He is in the same jail that Bro. Wayne Turner was returned to from death row. He writes that Bro. Turner is very dear to him. We are so glad that Bro. James White gave his heart to the Lord during a jail service held by the saints in that territory. He is now awaiting trial. Let us all pray that God will continue to bless him. He is happy to be saved and wants others to be saved, also. Boys and girls, do not start down the wrong road or you will end up just as Bro. James White did. He has suffered many hard things because he did not listen to his father who tried to guide him right. You can profit by his mistakes and do the right. We are so glad that Bro. James White has turned to the Lord. It is only God's great mercy that dealt with his soul and caused him to come to Him. Boys and girls, if you are not saved, why don't you give your heart to Jesus today. If you are saved, be sure to pray for Bro. White and keep saved yourself.—Sis. Marie Miles)

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Do not say what you think. What you think only hurts you and not others.

Do not be a coward and let others make you think it is grown up to smoke cigarettes. Only cowards are easily persuaded.



Dear Boys and Girls:—

You can't play in the devil's yard without falling into his trap. Our lesson is about a man who thought he was strong enough to play in the devil's yard. Samson did not avoid temptation. When Delilah kept asking him where his strength was, he should have left her and not seen her again. She was a worshipper of a god called Dagon. Samson worshipped the true and living God. He should not have considered a woman of that kind for a companion but that was the trap the devil had set for him.

Samson was a Nazarite. The law governing Nazarites is found in Numbers 6. Samson was not to drink any strong drinks, nor cut his hair nor touch dead bodies. He was to be devoted and separated to God. Samson was one of the judges of the Israelites after they were settled in the Canaan land. Because he was a Nazarite God had given him great strength. He was trying to defend his people against the Philistines. One time he went down and caught 300 foxes and tied flaming torches between the tails of pairs of foxes and turned them loose in the Philistine fields. (Judges 15:4, 5) Another time he carried the gate of one of their strong cities off. (Judges 16:3) He was one of the strongest men that ever lived. The secret of his strength was that he was never to cut his hair because he was a Nazarite. The Philistines wanted to catch him and kill him. When they knew he was visiting Delilah they offered her money to find the secret of his great strength.

She used the old, old trap of accusing him of not loving her because he would not tell her his secret. After he had teased her for some time and she began to pout, he told her his great secret. He had fallen in the trap that the devil had set for him. First, he should never have been visiting her. Second, he should not have yielded to the temptation of sleeping on her lap as she had requested him to. How sad it is to yield to sin. There is a payday coming for all who sin. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." Not only did Samson lose his strength because he had disobeyed God, but he also got his eyes put out. They took him and made him grind at a mill. You cannot play with fire for you might get burned. Stay away from sin.

One time the people were all gathered together in the temple of their god, Dagon and they called to have Samson brought so they could make fun of him. It had been some time since he had been captured. His hair had grown out. They no doubt had forgotten that it should have been kept cut. While the temple was filled to capacity and the roof was full, Samson asked the boy who led him to show him where the two great pillars were that supported the roof. He put his arms around both pillars and bowed forward. He prayed God to give him strength and God answered his prayer. The roof fell and killed all the people within and the 3,000 upon the roof. Boys and girls, don't play with sin. It will mean your destruction.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, October 31, 1965

SAMSON

Judges 13:2-5, 24; 16:4, 15-21

Judges 13:2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Dan-

ites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing.

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him.

16:4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath

shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him.

21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

Memory Verse: He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. Proverbs 16:32.

Central Thought: Keep company with those who desire to do the right.

QUESTIONS:

1. Can you name some one else besides Samson whose birth was announced by an angel?

2. When Samson grew up what part did he take among the Israelites?

3. Did he keep company with those of his people who loved God or with one who worshipped an idol?

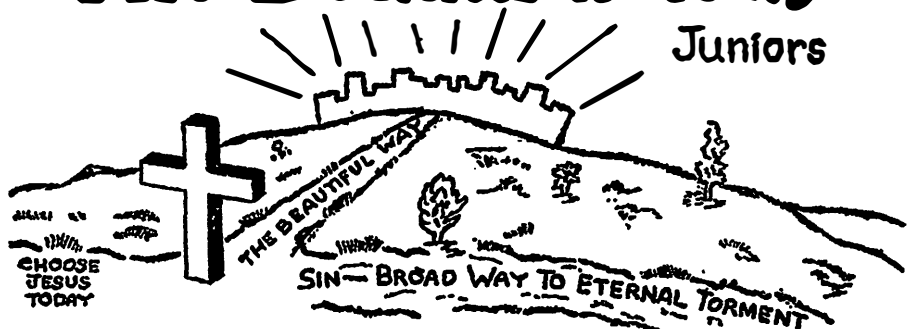
4. How did this woman get him to tell her about the secret of his strength?

5. How did the scripture which says, "the wages of sin is death" work in Samson's life?

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Part Six

Nov. 7

The Story of Hannah

"What is the lesson, children, here?"

Asked Mother when she read
Of Hannah who in pray'r and tear
Upon God's blessings fed.

"I see the poor is crowned with grace"

Said Susan with a smile;
"They find in God a happy place
With mercy all the while.

"I see the one who has a lot
Rejected from the Lord;
The rich and high will trust Him not,
His blessings to afford."

—Leslie Busbee

God Does Answer Prayer

One evening the phone rang. My sister-in-law called and told me that Bro. and Sister Cramer wanted me to come to their house as their little boy, Joseph, was needing prayer. When I got there, they told me that they wanted me to look into his throat. They said that lately it seemed that it was hard for him to swallow. They

looked into his throat and saw two large growths there. They gave me the flashlight and I looked and saw two lumps. One was on one side of his throat and one on the other. They were real close together. They did not seem infected but were enlarged. He did not have fever so we knew that it wasn't tonsilitis. Bro. and Sister Cramer were very sad. My heart was touched as we talked of the condition of his throat. They knew that unless God would undertake that they could grow together and their little son would not be able to swallow. They also knew that they had given their little son to the Lord and that he belonged to God. They knew that they were going to trust God to take care of his throat. We also talked together how God was able to heal and that He never failed His trusting children. We obeyed God's Word and anointed him and prayed, asking God to heal little Joseph. When we got down on our knees, little Joseph quickly got off the bed and got down upon his knees. He loved God and loved to pray. No one had to tell him to get down upon his knees.

As we prayed we knew that God had heard and we committed his case into God's hands. When the other saints heard about little Joseph's condition they agreed in prayer for his healing.

We went to the campmeeting in Monark Springs (1965) and when we came home Bro. Cramer told in the first prayer meeting how God had healed his little boy. They were so thankful. After meeting I looked into his mouth and those lumps were gone. How we did praise the Lord! He did not fail Bro. and Sister Cramer and their little boy. They had given their boy to the Lord and God was taking care of him. God does answer prayer.

—Sister Marie Miles

"God Has Healed Me"

Danny Doolittle is seven years old. His mother and father love God. They believe that God is able to heal them when they get sick. Danny became very ill. He suffered with a pain in his side. Many times the Lord gave relief from the suffering. Finally his appendix ruptured. Danny's parents continued to trust God for healing. Danny knew the Lord would heal, too. His parents brought him to the National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. The saints and ministers prayed much for him. The Lord healed him after he had been sick for three weeks. One minister went home and called back to see how he was getting along. He told them to tell Danny that he was praying for him. When they told Danny this, he said, "He doesn't need to pray for me because God has healed me."

Danny's mother wrote after they went home that God had healed him

in such a wonderful way and she was so thankful for all the prayers. She said that he was eating well and was gaining strength and weight. We do thank God for all He does for those who will trust Him. Boys and girls, don't be afraid to trust God. He will help you if you will pray and believe. Don't waver but believe.

—Sister Marie Miles

A Night in an Indian Village

Sister Edith Cole felt faint as the jeep which brought her to the Indian village drove out of sight. She said to herself, "I have waited five years for an invitation to visit this tribe at night. Now I feel faint alone with the Indians and night coming."

The Indian mother was one who had been saved at our meetings at Santa Catarina. Her home was built of willow branches, grass, and poles. She invited Edith into her kitchen, which was a separate shack of the same material, for supper. The dirt floor was swept clean, and things seemed in good order with a clean smell. Edith helped make tortillas of flour, water and salt. Then they were rolled out into round, flat pieces and flapped back and forth on their hands, then cooked on top of the stove of hot mud bricks. The Indian boys brought in wood from the desert. When the tortillas were all done, they sat down on boxes, stools or the dirt floor to eat. Fresh unstrained milk was heated and served. There was another dish which looked like little cotton balls and was hard. She said she was in doubt what it was. After supper the boys played string music. Some went to put up the horses.

Later the mother asked Edith if

she was ready to go to bed. Edith followed her to a separate makeshift structure of willow, poles and grass, with long looping holes. This was the women's sleeping quarters. Edith called it the girls' dormitory. The mother and small girl slipped off their shoes and climbed into the bed without changing their clothes. Then Edith said she did the same. They talked awhile, then they heard the Indian boys going to bed in a shack a space from theirs. The bed had no sheets, but they slept under quilts. Edith said the beds were hard and the moon was shining in her face, but finally she went to sleep.

The Indians make their beds of grass and sticks on the ground. But some have mattresses the missionaries gave them.

—Carrie Sheppard

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I have always enjoyed hearing about Samuel. I have thought about how wonderful it was for the Lord to call Samuel by name. It made me know that God knows each of us by name. If we will listen very closely we can hear Him calling us to do the right, can't we? There is nothing greater nor better for you in this world than to live for God. There are so many boys and girls in the world who do not want to do right and therefore you who do, shine in a great way. If there is a white sheep among a large group of black sheep the white one shows up plainly. So it is with those boys and girls who have been made clean and white by the blood of Jesus. They show up for God, because they do right.

Our lesson is about the mother of Samuel. Her name was Hannah. It is

such a wonderful thing to be a mother or a father. God has put that desire in the hearts of people. But poor Hannah had never had a child. She so longed for God to give her a baby boy. One day she went with her husband up to the town of Shiloh where the tabernacle was. Inside the tabernacle was the Ark of the Covenant. Eli and his two sons took care of the services of the tabernacle. Hannah and Elkanah (El-kah-nuh) her husband, took their yearly sacrifice to be offered there. While they were there Hannah prayed with tears to the Lord. She told the Lord all about how her husband's other wife had had children but she had not been given any. In those days it was common for a man to have more than one wife. Today God's Word teaches against this because we are living under the truth that Jesus has brought to us. Poor Hannah cried earnestly to the Lord. She told the Lord if He would give her a child she would give him back to God. She promised that he would be a Nazarete. The High Priest, Eli, saw her weeping before the Lord. He asked her what her trouble was. She told him. He told her to "go in peace; and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him." This cheered Hannah and she knew that God would give her a son. She arose and ate. She was not sad any more.

God gave Hannah her son. She loved her little boy. She was a good mother. She took good care of him when he was tiny and helpless, just as your mother cared for you when you were tiny. Boys and girls, you should love your mother for her care for you. Some children do not have the care that you received. The next year Hannah did not go up to the yearly sacrifice but waited until Samuel was older.

One time she took Samuel to the

priest Eli and let him stay there and help in the work of the tabernacle. He grew to be a great man of God.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, November 7, 1965

HANNAH

1 Samuel 1:1, 2, 10, 11, 20-28

1 Sam. 1:1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim, of Mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore.

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord.

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I

will bring him that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever.

23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the Lord establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord.

27 For this child I prayed: and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.

Memory Verse: Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6.

Central Thought: God answers prayer.

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of Hannah's husband?

2. How are we to pray to God for the things we need?

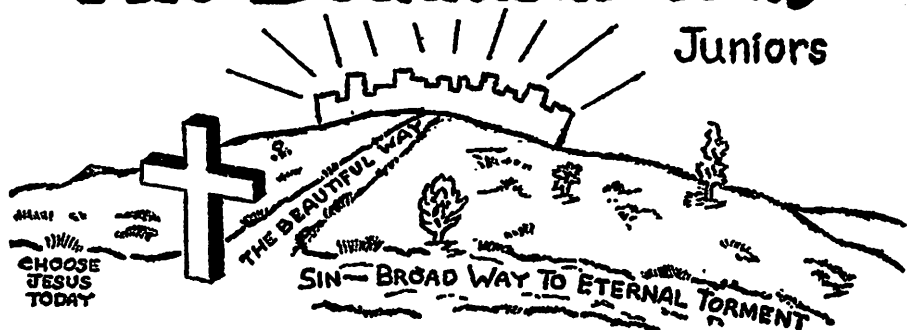
3. Do good boys and girls make good mothers and fathers when they grow up?

4. Can you tell something about the life of Samuel?

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David and Jonathan

"How sweet is friendship," Mother said,

"That Jonathan portrayed;
How noble was the life he led,
The sacrifice he made.

"He sacrificed his hope to be
The king, for David's sake,
Because God's choice was plain to see:
For David He did make."

Said Johnny, "So ought we to bear
For Christ and own Him King;
He'll be our friend, and we shall share
The joys that make us sing."
—Leslie Busbee

The Friend of Friends

"Simon Peter, take your ship and go out into the deep water and let down your nets and you will catch fish," said Jesus to Simon after he finished his sermon to the crowds on the seashore. (Luke 5).

"Master, we have worked hard all night long and haven't caught anything. But if you tell me to do it,

I will do what you say," said Peter.

Peter, James and John took their nets that they had washed and put them into the ship. They went out into the deep water and let them down. Soon they were full of fish. They called to another ship close by to come and help them. There were more fish than they could bring in. They filled both ships with the fish they caught and feared that they might sink.

Peter's heart was so touched that he just fell at the feet of Jesus. He had worked so hard and had caught nothing, but his friend, Jesus, had come along and at His word, he caught many. Peter loved Jesus very much.

Jesus told Peter that He wanted him to be a fisher of men. Many are lost in sin. They need someone to throw out the gospel net so they can be brought to Jesus. They need someone to tell them about how great a friend He will be to them in times of need. We find that Peter was so happy to find a friend like Jesus that he left his fishing and went out telling others about Jesus. He told them

that Jesus was truly their friend. He could help them in every time of need. Peter tells us in 1 Peter 3:12 that "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." Isn't that wonderful? When others mistreat you, you can fall upon your knees and pray to Jesus. You can tell Him all about how you have been wronged. As you pray, He will comfort your heart and you will be able to arise and face all things with love in your heart. There is not another friend in this world like Jesus.

Peter also has told us that if we suffer because we do right to rejoice. He said that he knew that Jesus would bless us and God would be glorified. Peter suffered for Jesus because he loved Him greatly. God took him home to be with Him in that wonderful place Jesus has prepared for all who love him and will be true to Him in this world.

Boys and girls, always remember you have a friend in Jesus. None is greater in this world. —M. Miles

In The Dark Room

As the young girl turned to greet her Sunday School teacher her heart leaped. The shades of the room were drawn, and though she could not see clearly she had no difficulty in imagining the sweet smile of sympathy that she knew was on her teacher's face. Elva liked Mrs. Powell; all the girls liked her. Nevertheless, she could not entirely control the sigh that escaped her lips as in answer to her teacher's anxious "And how is my girl today?" she tried to respond

bravely, "Pretty well, thank you, Mrs. Powell."

"Only pretty well, Elva? I was hoping to have a 'Much better, thank you,' today."

"Yes, I know. I wish you could have, but—but—" Elva's voice faltered and died away into a weak little quaver. "O, Mrs. Powell, you don't know how hard it is just to sit in this dark room hour after hour! I can't read. I can see only a few of my friends. And the days and nights are so long! I—I don't understand why God sends such affliction. I haven't done anything bad to displease Him. But even if I had, I don't see why He could be so hard on a girl like me. I—" Her voice choked, and she leaned her head on good, motherly Mrs. Powell's shoulder while sobs shook her slight frame.

The teacher stroked the soft hair of the girl and waited patiently until the sobs subsided. "There, there, dear! Don't feel so bad and don't misjudge the good Father, whatever you do. He is good even though you can't always understand Him. You believe that, don't you, Elva?"

"Yes, but—"

"Listen dear, I have a friend who is much interested in photography. Yesterday I was in to see her, and she took me into her darkroom. She poured some liquid into a shallow vessel and told me to watch one of her negatives as she dipped it into the solution. By and by I saw coming out of it the beautiful face and form of one whom I know well. Presently it was a complete picture, a perfect likeness. I asked her what the liquid was, and she said, 'Oh, it's just a chemical solution; developer they call it. But outside this dark room it would be useless.' So,

dear, I think God takes us into the dark room sometimes so that He, our great Developer, may bring out of our lives the hidden beauty He is so anxious for the world to see—the beauty of patience, of sympathy, and of cheerful, uncomplaining fortitude. Already some of those beautiful traits are beginning to shine in your life. Only a few days ago one of your friends was telling me how much good your patience and courage did her. Believe me, Elva, some day you will thank God for this dark room.”

“Yes, Sister Powell,” said the young girl bravely, “I will thank Him this very day; and then I will also ask Him to give me strength not to disappoint my friends in the picture they shall see when they call.” —Sel.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

“Mother, there is a boy at school who is so mean,” said La Vonda.

“Mother is so sorry to hear that.”

Later Mother talked to La Vonda's father about it and hoped that nothing serious would come to their little girl from this boy who seemed to be letting the devil make him do mean things. One day Daddy asked La Vonda if the boy at school was still being mean to her.

“No, he isn't mean any more,” said La Vonda. “Some in the class prayed for him and he is good now.” —M. Miles

Dear Boys and Girls:—

We do not hear much about Jonathan, the son of King Saul, but he was one of those people who were great, noble, and kind, but did not take the front lines. We have many people in the world today who continue doing good things and

being lights for God in the place that God has placed them. I am sure that many boys and girls do many, many nice things for their mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, and friends and not much is said about it but it all counts with God. God sees everything you do. God keeps a record of it in his great big book. Some day that book will be opened and each one will be judged out of that book. If the record is good you will hear those words, “Enter ye into the joys of heaven.” Then you will be so glad that you did what was right. It is not what people think is great but it is what God thinks is great. Never think that going with the crowd is always the right thing to do. Brave men and women down through the years have stood firmly against evil and done that which was right. God blessed them for it.

David was anointed king when King Saul disobeyed God. Later after David killed the Philistine giant he married King Saul's daughter. Because the people praised David for his bravery, King Saul hated him and sought to kill him. Jonathan was King Saul's son. He was in line to be the next king but Jonathan knew that David was a better man to be king than he. Jonathan loved David dearly and he did not approve of the way his father, King Saul, treated him. He did not help his father in his schemes to try to kill David but he helped David. Jonathan stepped aside in his plans and counted it God's will that David be the next king instead of him. Down through the years we read in history where many people have fought to be king. Sometimes men have killed their own brothers or had them killed just to be king. But Jonathan was not like that. Jonathan asked David to show mercy to his family when he became king. We

find that David did this later when he became king. He took care of the crippled son of Jonathan and his family. (2 Sam. 9) Surely these two men were wonderful friends. Jonathan warned David many times about his father's intention to kill him. The latter part of our lesson tells us that Jonathan went into the wood where David was and helped him out when his father sought his life. He proved to be a true friend when David needed a friend. Jonathan's friendship had everything to give and David gained from him. His friendship was wonderful.

Boys and girls, learn to be a true friend. Many, many today are longing for a friend. Won't you be the kind of friend Jonathan was? —Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, November 14, 1965

JONATHAN

1 Samuel 20:12-17; 23:15-18

1 Sam. 20:12 And Jonathan said unto David, O Lord God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about tomorrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;

13 The Lord do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the Lord be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the Lord, that I die not:

15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the Lord hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face

of the earth.

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the Lord even require it at the hand of David's enemies.

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

23:15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.

18 And they two made a covenant before the Lord: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

Memory Verse: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13.

Central Thought: We need to be a friend to others as Jesus was a friend to us when we were in sin.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does the Bible say in Prov. 18:24 about how to have a friend?

2. What does the memory verse teach us? Who spoke it?

3. Tell some of the ways Jonathan proved to be a friend to David.

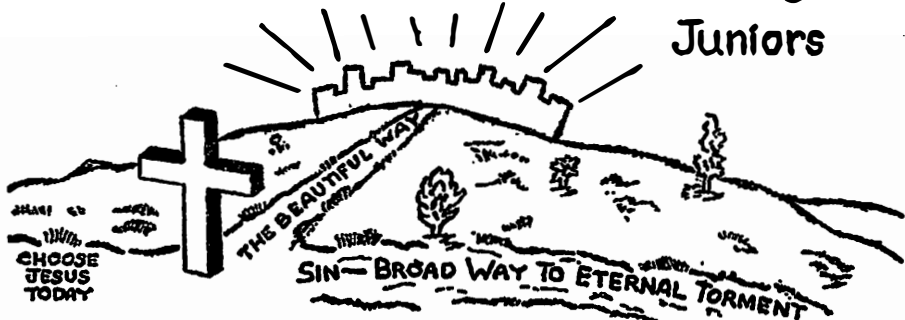
4. Should we want our good deeds praised?

5. How can we be a friend at school, work, home, play, and on the street?

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Nov. 21

Something To Do

Just as Naaman dipped in Jordan
As Elisha bade him to,
And obeying, was rewarded—
There is something we must do.

Just as all who gained the blessing
To obey was faithful through,
To the mark let us be pressing,
There is something we must do.

Let us, then, seek understanding
Of the way that's straight and true,
And obey the Lord's commanding:
There is something we must do!

—Leslie Busbee

Thanksgiving

Any time of the year when the word "thanksgiving" is used, generally November's Thanksgiving Day comes to one's mind.

Thanksgiving days are not primarily an American custom. Almost every country celebrates some sort of thanksgiving day; in fact, even in

Jesus' day there were times of thanksgiving to God, although not on a certain day. Anna "gave thanks" to the Lord (Luke 2:38). The Apostle Paul "took bread, and gave thanks to God" (Acts 27:35), and he "thanked God and took courage" (Acts 28:15).

In the New Testament Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was the perfect example in displaying the attitude of thanksgiving: "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father . . ." (Matt. 11:25). "And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me" (John 11:41). "He took the cup, and gave thanks . . ." (Matt. 26:27). "He took the seven loaves, and gave thanks" (Mark 8:6).

Jesus did not inaugurate thanksgiving, however. The Old Testament gives us many examples of thanksgiving. One of the most striking is found in 1 Chronicles 23:30: "To stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at even." King David has appointed certain men

to be responsible for the services of thanks and praise. These men were expected to render thanks both morning and evening, and they represented all the people.

We have become too self-centered if we approach a daily time of thanksgiving and cannot think of anything special for which to thank the Lord. Every daily thanksgiving prayer should be fresh and enthusiastic. Do you have such a moment of daily thanksgiving to God? —B. M.

Be Quick to Obey

Bro. and Sister Darius Gibson were riding down the highway over the mountains and were enjoying the beautiful scenery. They would come around a curve and could look down into the green valley below. They could see the water in the river winding its way through the trees, seeking the low places. Then they would look up the mountain side where the rocks were in beautiful array. Sometimes they would see a squirrel dart across the road or a bird fly from its nest up into the blue sky above. It was a beautiful day and a day that the Lord had made. Bro. and Sister Gibson were enjoying all the great things that God had made and also enjoying the peace that God had given them in their souls.

All of a sudden Bro. Gibson pulled over to the side of the road and stopped. Sister Gibson was puzzled at his sudden stopping and asked him the reason for it. He said that he didn't know why, only that the Lord had told him to pull over to the side of the road. Just about that time a big truck loaded with logs whizzed by them and went on down the high-

way. After it passed, Bro. Gibson pulled back on the highway and started on down around the curves. Soon they came upon the truck that had passed them, smashed up against the side of the mountain. Bro. Gibson stopped just as the man crawled out of his truck. He inquired as to what had happened. The truck driver said that he had lost control of his truck. Then it was clear to Bro. and Sister Gibson why the Lord had told them to get off the highway. They were in danger of the run-away truck. How their hearts went up to God in praise for helping them out!

Boys and girls, it pays to serve the Lord and to listen when He speaks. We should learn to obey quickly. If we don't we are apt to get into trouble. —Marie Miles

LEPROSY AND SIN

"Mother, how is sin like leprosy?" asked Jane when she came home from services at the chapel. "The preacher said sin is like leprosy. I thought leprosy was a disease and that the person who had it finally died from it."

"Yes, that is true," said Mother as she kneaded the bread dough. "Leprosy starts with just a little sore place. That is like sin. It starts with just one sin and then another sin is added to it. It begins to get big just as the leprosy spreads little by little over the body. The Bible says that people 'add sin to sin.' (Isa. 30:1) Then of course when leprosy spreads more and more over the body the leper is taken away from his family and friends and has to live with other lepers. Now sin takes us away from the One who loves us more than any-

one in this world. We are separated from Jesus. The Bible tells us that 'your iniquities [sins] have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.' (Isa. 59:1, 2) Then finally leprosy brings death to the person. Sin brings death to the soul. 'The soul that sinneth shall die.' (Ezek. 18:20). Yes, Jane, sin is a lot like leprosy."

"People should think sin is terrible," said Jane. "They think leprosy is."
—Marie Miles

FAITH

When Mother went to town she told Ellen that she would bring her something. Ellen believed her mother. She had faith that her mother would do just what she said she would do.

Barry needed a new pair of shoes. Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given you." When Barry asked Jesus in prayer to give him a pair of shoes he had faith in Jesus that He would do it. Barry got a new pair of shoes.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about a man who had money, fame, and power, but he also had leprosy. Sometimes we see other boys and girls who have nice clothes, a lot of friends at school, are good students and make good grades. Maybe they are good at sports but there might be sorrows in their lives that you can't see. Maybe their father and mother are separated and do not live together. This brings sorrow. It might be that they do not feel the love of brothers and sisters as they should. On the surface you might think they have every-

thing nice but maybe you do not know. Life brings its joys and its sorrows. That is the reason we need God to help us in life. There are things that we need that no one on the earth can give us but God. He can comfort our hearts and help us face hard things.

One day a little girl was helping her mistress. This little girl had been taken captive from her home to another country. There she was taken to the home of the great man, Naaman. She was so sorry when she heard that Naaman had leprosy. Leprosy was such an awful disease. People who had it in its worst stages had to go to a leper colony. There they were surrounded by those who were suffering and day after day they watched their own flesh drop away from the bone as well as seeing others suffer and die from that dread disease. Even those who brought them food left it at an appointed place and hurried away. Naaman knew that this would soon be his fate and this little captive maid was sad about it. This little maid said, "I wish that Naaman, my lord, could see the prophet of God in the land of Israel. He would heal him of his leprosy." One of the servants heard the little maid say this and he told another and soon word reached the ears of Naaman. Naaman wrote a letter to the king of Israel and finally the prophet Elisha heard about it. He told Naaman to come and God would heal him so that everyone would know that there was a prophet in Israel.

Naaman thought that he would be received in a big way by the prophet. He thought he would strike his hand over the place where the leprosy was and call upon God. But the prophet just sat in his house and didn't come to meet him. He sent a message to him by his servant. He told him to go down to the muddy Jordan river and to dip

in the water seven times. Naaman was displeased. His pride was wounded. God wanted Naaman to become humble to receive a blessing. God only blesses those who are humble. After Naaman's servants talked to him he decided to obey. After he came up out of the water the seventh time his leprosy was healed. It was obedience that brought healing.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, November 21, 1965

NAAMAN

2 Kings 5:1-5a, 9-15b

2 Kings 5:1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

5a And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel.

9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15b And he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel; now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

Memory Verse: For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6b

Central Thought: God requires humility and obedience.

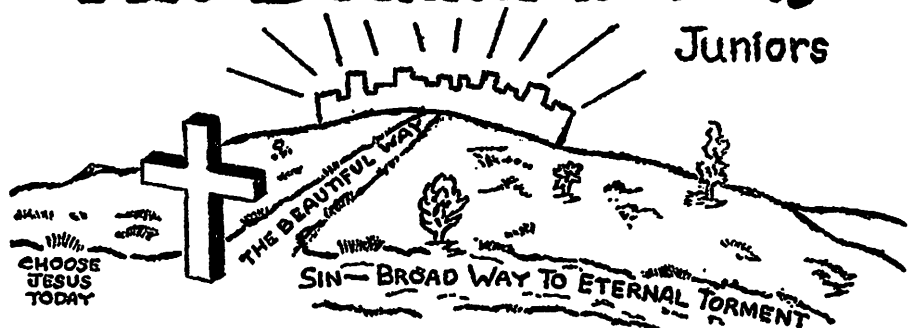
QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the man in our lesson today?
2. How does leprosy compare to sin?
3. Should boys and girls tell others how God can help them?
4. Would Naaman have been healed if he had dipped in the river six times?
5. What does this teach us?

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Nov. 28

"I Don't Care"

Boys and girls, I wish to tell you
Of a foe you entertain:
I have seen him with you often,
And the fact has caused me pain;
For he only seeks the ruin
Of your lives so young and fair—
He's a foe, cool, sly and cunning,
And his name is, "I don't care."

Have you ever thought, dear children,
That "I don't care" is a thief,
Taking from you time and order,
Candor, friends, and all save grief?
Don't you notice the bold falsehoods
That he daily tells to you,
And that make you say, "I don't care,"
When at heart you really do?

He, at first, will only cause you
To forget yourself and dare
To answer parents, friends and strangers
With the rude words, "I don't care."
But be warned! He'll plant within you
The true spirit of his name;
Then he'll disappear like magic,
Leaving you to bear the shame.

Break the habit, children, break it,
Do not use the common phrase;
Smaller things than this have started
Many a life in reckless ways.
Guard your words, your thoughts, your
actions,
To yourself be true; and dare
Not let the good of life slip by you
With a reckless, "I don't care."

—Floy Schoonmaker Armstrong

Really A Friend

"Let us walk honestly."

That verse, the 13th verse of the 13th chapter of Romans, kept running in Lucy Taylor's mind as she washed the supper dishes. Let us walk honestly. Let us walk honestly. Let us walk honestly.

Absent-mindedly she wiped a cup and put it away on the wrong shelf.

"A penny for your thoughts," remarked her mother with a questioning glance. "Something must be troubling you when you go about your work like this instead of in your usual light-hearted and efficient way."

"Well, it's—it's Katie. She has to write a composition, and she wants me to write it for her."

"And how many answers could there be to that problem?"

"But, Mother, Katie's been so nice to me. You know she has. She's made room for me in their car when there were things I wanted to go to; and I've saved the price of a book several times just because she shared hers with me; and—"

"You mean she wants to copy your work and turn it in as her own?"

"Yes, Mother, she does. She's not a dishonest girl, either. She's honest about other things. But she does not see this the way we do. She thinks this would be all right, just so she copies it herself—and she thinks I'm not being friendly if I don't do it for her."

The telephone rang sharply, and Mrs. Taylor answered.

"That was Mrs. Jackson," she said, turning to Lucy. "The baby's worse, and she wants me to come over. It may be late when I get back," she ended, clicking the door behind her and hurrying off to her troubled neighbor.

Lucy went to the dining table and began on her home work.

"Let us walk honestly. Let us walk honestly."

Katie's composition was to be on birds.

Lucy remembered how they had watched birds together the spring before; of the bird walks they had enjoyed with two other girls; of the birds they had seen in the woody pasture of a farmer friend.

Busily she wrote, absorbed in the interesting subject.

The next morning Lucy had to hurry with breakfast and the morning chores that she might get to school in time. Katie would expect to meet her at the morning recess, she well knew; and that she did, paper in hand.

"Oh, goody! You did write it for me," exulted Katie. "I was afraid for a little bit that you wouldn't do it—and I didn't know what in the world I'd do if you didn't. But you are my friend. I know that. And I do thank you—I really do!"

She opened the paper Lucy handed her, and her face flushed angrily.

"But you didn't! Well, of all the—" There was distress in Lucy's sober face.

"But I just couldn't actually write it for you, Katie. That wouldn't be honest. I did make these notes for you, and I think they'll bring back the bird watching we did; and you'll have time in your study period to write your compo—"

"I'd have time to copy one," said Katie, "but writing one, that's something different; and if that's the kind of a friend you are—"

With that Katie flounced away and joined a group of other girls.

Lucy stood soberly, the tears hard to hold back.

"Oh, Lucy, show me how to do this, will you?" called a younger girl, and the rest of the recess went in helping to straighten out a troubling problem.

Lucy was glad the recess was filled that way.

That was Friday.

She didn't see Katie after school. She didn't see her that weekend. She didn't see her at either recess hour or at noon, or after school, on Monday.

"I guess she really is mad at me,"

thought Lucy, "but—but I just could not do any other way, not and walk honestly."

As she entered the hall at school Tuesday morning, some one came up behind her, and with a warm clasp of her shoulders drew her aside for a hurried minute together.

Of course it was Katie.

"Guess what my mark was on that composition?"

"I hope it was good."

"It was super for me—B-plus. And—well, you were right that it would not have been honest for you to write the composition for me, and then for me to turn it in as though I did it myself."

The girls were busily stepping on to their respective rooms.

"You were really my friend," whispered Katie as Lucy turned in at her own class-room door. —Sel.

LITTLE THINGS

A penny is a very little thing, but the interest from it from the days of Cain and Abel would buy the globe.

An acron is a little thing, but the black bear and his family live in the oak which springs from it.

A word is a little thing, yet one word has been many a man's destiny—for good or evil.

A kiss is a very little thing, but it betrayed the Son of God into the hands of His enemies. —Unknown

Dear Boys and Girls:—

We do trust that all of you are standing for truth and right. It means much for you to be brave in these days. It seems that so many today are turning away from God and the Bible. Boys and

girls, be firm and never turn away from obeying the Bible. Your life in this world is so short but eternity never ends. We must live so we will be ready to meet God.

Our lesson today is about a man named Amos. He was a shepherd. He lived in the days of Uzziah and Jeroboam, who were kings of Judah. That was in 765 and 750 B. C.

The days of Jeroboam, the Second, were days of great prosperity. It seems hard for people to remember God and feel a need of Him when things are going well. Do you find it that way? When Mother and Daddy let you have your way and the teacher seems to be doing just the things that you like, you do not feel your need to pray as you do at other times. I know that all of you have to pray to the Lord to help you to keep willing to obey Mother and Daddy. And that is a good thing to pray about. Today so many boys and girls do not obey their parents. They get into lots of trouble. Rebellion is not right. Don't ever give in to any feeling that you don't want to do as your parents ask you to do. If you don't learn to obey your parents, you won't learn to obey the Lord and that is bad. Hell is just full of people who have rebelled against God and their parents.

God spoke to Amos one day and told him to go down and tell the people to "seek good and not evil that they might live." They were getting lazy and were eating and drinking. They did not care if they took from the poor. They treated the poor unfairly. If a man could not pay his debt for a pair of shoes he would be sold into slavery. (Amos 2:6). They were cruel and selfish. Amos preached unto them and told them to hate the evil and love the good. They worshipped idols and some

made a big show of worshipping God by paying tithes and keeping religious days. But they did not keep God's commandments. God did not accept their worship.

Amos told them of their doom and how they were living in darkness. Punishment was their fate everywhere they turned. If they would flee from a lion they would meet a bear. They were to be punished. God hates a hypocrite. God put a plumbline in their midst and they did not come up to the Bible standard. Boys and girls, it pays to be honest before God. He can see into your heart and life. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, November 28, 1965

AMOS

Amos 7:12-15; 5:14, 15, 18-24

Amos 7:12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

13 But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:

15 And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

5:14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it

may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light.

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Memory Verse: But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. Amos 5:24.

Central Thought: It takes a brave person to do right when surrounded by evil.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was king when Amos was a prophet?

2. What were the moral conditions of the people in that day?

3. How do you worship God and pray when everything is going your way?

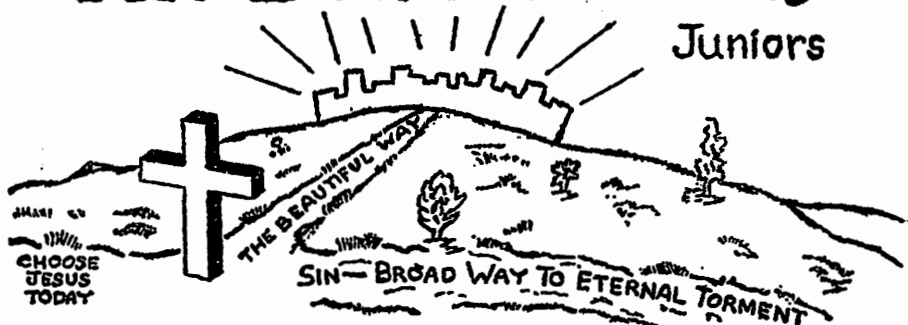
4. Why did God reject their worship?

5. Why did Amos say that they were fleeing from a lion and meeting a bear?

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Part Ten

Dec. 5

Prepare Your Heart

Get your heart in preparation
For the Lord to visit you,
In His joy and great salvation
He is surely coming through.

Run with gladness out to meet Him,
Give Him welcome at your door,
Let your house in order greet Him
And His peace forever more.

For He only seeks an entrance
To the hungry, thirsty heart,
To the humble soul who's willing
From the ways of sin to part.

The Picture on the Wall

Not a fine work of art; the keen critic would have pronounced it a daub. It did not cost much money and the frame was of plain, uncarved wood. But the picture told a story and told it well.

For the background a rough stone wall, above it a leaden sky; in the foreground a pale, sad-eyed weary-

looking girl had fallen on a stone bench and in her arms she held a sick boy, a white hand around his forehead just above the sunken faded eyes. And just in front of them the Christ stood; the patient, ever-suffering, ever-loving Christ. His hand, not yet pierced, rested upon the head of the sick boy; and His eyes, so tender, so loving, so true, caught the upturned eyes of the lad, and in the faded eyes of the boy the light was beginning to come back.

The picture hung in a hospital on the bare, whitewashed walls. On a bed right opposite the picture, tossing in fever, wild with delirium, was a boy of the slums. Born of rum-cursed parents and tossed in the nervous arms of a drunken mother, the boy was born to the heritage of woe. He knew nothing of what the word "father" meant; he knew the "old man" well enough to keep out of his way; he carried marks of his cruel beatings on his face, and when the fever came, the blue-coated policeman found him alone in the straw on the damp floor of his cellar.

They brought him to the hospital, and hands soft and delicate ministered to him, while the white-gowned nurses trembled with fear at his oaths.

He grew better; the doctor said he would pull through.

One morning when the nurse came, and pulled up the blind to let the light fall upon his face, she said, "Shall I read to you?"

"No," said the boy, and his eyes sought the picture. "No, tell me about that picture; who is He?"

"He is the Christ," she said; and then with a prayer in her heart she told the story of His life to the boy, and as she closed she said, "Do you believe in Him?"

"I believe in you," said the boy, and the next morning he said to the nurse, "Tell me more about Him."

How glad the sad-eyed nurse was to tell him. Her life had been one of trial, but now she was anchored in a haven of rest, and the Christ's voice had brought a calm to the troubled water of her life.

As she told the old, old story, the boy said, "You know Him, don't you?"

"Yes," she said, "thank God, I do."

"And He loves boys?"

"He loves everybody."

"Rough boys like me?"

"Everybody."

And so, day by day, she talked of Him, and at last there came a time when she said again, "Do you believe in Him?"

And he said, "I believe."

And two faces bathed in tears were lifted to the picture.

The boy went from the hospital carrying next to his heart a small Bible, and in his heart the Christ.

As the years rolled on, the nurse thought often of the boy, but she was

shut out of the world, and her hours were long hours, so she heard nothing of him. But when gray-haired and bent with age, she finally became ill, they brought her, at her request, and placed her on the bed opposite the picture of the Christ and the child.

She was fading away as a cloud at sunset is kissed by the dying sun into the glory of Heaven. Many came to see her; old people whom she had nursed back to life, children who loved her because her love had stood between them and death; the white-capped nurses crowded around her, for her life had blessed them.

The gray light of a new-born day stole through the windows; all was still in that quiet ward; around the bed, dewy-eyed, stood the nurses, for she was dying.

A young clergyman had been called in from the next ward. He looked upon the face on the pillow, then his eyes sought the picture; then as he fell upon his knees he said, "Thank God."

"Who are you?" she said.

The eyes of the dying nurse sought his. Oh, how her face was beautified with glory, not of earth, as she listened, for he said: "I am the boy to whom you told the story of the picture. My work is with the poor. We shall meet again."

"Lift me," she said.

"Ah," he whispered, "you lifted me."

His strong right arm lifted her up; together their eyes sought the picture. The first ray of the rising sun fell upon the face of the Christ, and when he gently lowered the dead face to the pillow he knew that she saw "face to face."

—Selected

A BOY ON STEWARDSHIP

A Sunday School class of boys for a number of weeks had studied stewardship. As they came to the end of their study their teacher asked them to write out what they thought stewardship meant. One boy wrote this:

"Stewardship means that life is a great ship, loaded with a rich cargo of many things to be delivered to many peoples in many places. God is the owner but I am the captain of the ship."

How do you think of yourself? As owner or captain of the things you possess?

TWO LENSES

The spiritual field glasses through which we come to see God's will for our lives are double-barreled. Side by side are two lenses: the one, "I trust," the other, "I will." When a man can hold both of these to his eyes, he will see God's will with unclouded clearness. But suppose a man says to God, "I doubt." Then a veil falls over that lens of faith. And suppose he says, "I will not." Then a veil falls over the other, the lens of the will, of choice. Straightway that man's spiritual vision is in eclipse.

—J. H. M.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

God needs someone to tell others that there is a hell and there is a heaven. Many today are going on and seem to forget or don't know how terrible hell is. Jesus told us in Luke 16:20-31 about a man who felt the torments of

hell. He begged for just a drop of water to cool his tongue. Boys and girls, we drink water all the time and many times never stop to thank God for that good, cool water. But just think how valuable a drop of water would have been to that poor rich man who forgot to live for God in this life. People need someone to tell them that there is another place where they will live after death. They will go to heaven or to hell. I want to go to heaven, don't you?

The people in the days of Isaiah were living careless as people do today. Many of them went through a form of worshipping God but they did not keep His commandments. Today many people go to church on Sunday and all through the week smoke, drink, go to card parties, cheat, lie and never think about God. God told those people in Isaiah's day that He hid His eyes and would not hear them when they made many prayers to Him. (Isa. 1:25). God will not help people in their sins if they never thank Him nor intend to turn to Him. God needed someone to go and tell them to repent or He was going to punish them.

One day God gave Isaiah a vision. He saw God in all of His greatness, sitting upon His throne. It was very, very high and even the skirts of His robes and greatness filled the temple. He saw seraphims (angels) standing above the Lord and they were crying one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory." Surely that is true when we look at all the things God made. Then as Isaiah continued to look, he saw the house full of smoke and the door posts of the temple moved when God spoke. All of this greatness made Isaiah realize how little and small he was. He was a mere speck and as he stood in the presence of so much purity,

holiness, and cleanness, his sins stood out so big and great. He felt so unclean. He cried out and an angel flew to him with a coal from the altar; in other words, a fire to burn away his sins. Oh, how happy he was to be clean through the fire of God that took away his sins! When he heard the voice of the Lord asking who would go for Him and tell the people of Israel about their sins, Isaiah was ready and said, "Here am I, send me."

The last part of our lesson is also a warning to us. Egypt would be like us going to man for help instead of God. God is able to help us, both soul and body. We need to trust Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, December 5, 1965

ISAIAH

Isaiah 6:1, 4-9a; 31:1-3a

Isa. 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and

thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

9a And he said, Go, and tell this people.

31:1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord!

2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.

3a Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit.

Memory Verse: Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. Isaiah 1:2.

Central Thought: If we are willing to tell others about Jesus, He will make us able.

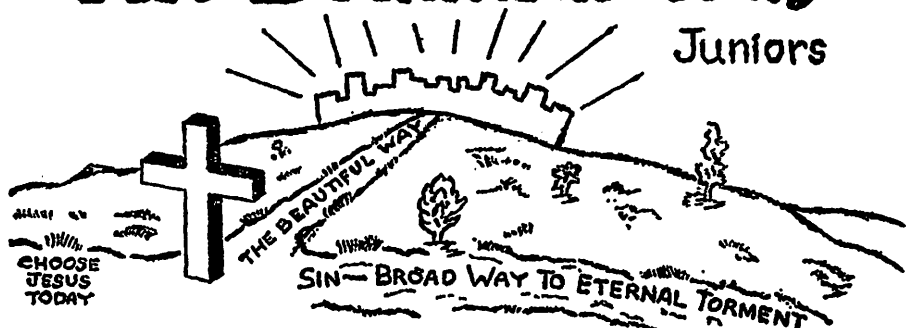
QUESTIONS:

1. Tell what Jesus said hell is like.
2. How were the people in Isaiah's day living?
3. Tell about the vision that Isaiah saw.
4. How did Isaiah feel in the presence of God?
5. When God asked who would go and tell the people of their sins, what did Isaiah say?

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I CAN

I can live a life that's pleasing
In the sight of God today
Though the faithful men are ceasing
All around me on life's way.

I can gain from God a blessing
And a hope of life above,
It can be my joy possessing
Of the fulness of His love.

Fainting not by perils falling
Nor by other hearts dismayed,
On the Saviour I am calling:
HE is my foundation laid.

—Leslie Busbee

She Loved Jesus

How much have we suffered for the Lord Jesus? Here's the account of what one girl went through for Jesus' sake.

A girl was sent on an errand by her parents. While on her way, she was attracted by the singing of a gospel meeting in the open air, and

drew near. The conductor of the meeting was so struck with the girl's earnestness that he spoke to her and told her about Jesus.

On returning home, her father asked her what had detained her. She told him and he cruelly beat her, forbidding her to go to any such meeting again.

A week or two later, she was so taken up with what she had previously heard of Jesus, that she forgot all about her father's message. She saw the same gentleman, who again told her more about the Saviour. On her return home, she told her father, as before, where she had been, and that she had not brought what she had been sent for, but that she had brought Jesus. Her father was enraged and kicked the poor little creature until the blood came.

She never recovered from this brutal treatment. Just before she breathed her last, she called her mother and said, "Mother, I have been praying to Jesus to save you and Father." Then pointing to her dress, she said, "Mother, cut me a bit out of the blood-stained piece

of my dress." The mother, wondering, did so. "Now," said the dying girl, "Christ shed His blood for my sake, and I am going to take this to Jesus to show Him that I shed my blood for His sake." Thus she died, holding firmly the piece of her dress, stained with her own blood.

The testimony of that dear girl was the means of leading her father and mother to Christ.

Boys and Girls Can Be Saved

"I don't think it is right to teach children that there is a hell," said Uncle Ben. "It is a shame to let them grow up in fear all their lives. They will have plenty of time to learn about God and live right."

One day Uncle Ben's nephew, wife and four children came to visit him. When it came time to get ready for bed, his nephew asked if it would be all right to read and have prayer with the children before they went to bed as that was always their custom when at home. Uncle Ben gave his consent. After reading out of the Bible, they all knelt to pray. Each of the four children prayed, even little Dessie. They all had been taught that there was a hell but that Jesus had come to save them from that place. They had been taught that they did not need to live in fear of death if they were ready to go to heaven. They had each one asked God to forgive them of their sins and each day obeyed Him.

Later Uncle Ben was talking to his nephew. He said, "I think it is wonderful how you have taught your children to pray. They are fine children. Your big boys seem quite healthy."

"And did you know that none of my children have ever had a dose of medicine nor a shot of any kind?" said Uncle Ben's nephew.

"You know I have always wanted to live close to a Church of God, but I couldn't," said Uncle Ben. "I had to make a living and there was none close to my work."

I believe Uncle Ben changed his mind, don't you? —M. Miles

Pity and Forgiveness

Not long ago as two schoolboys, about nine years of age, were enjoying themselves in a house, which was under repair, one of them very wantonly threw upon the other a quantity of lime and dust, which, falling into his eyes, nearly deprived him of sight for some time. On the poor boy's going home, he was met by his father, who, exasperated at what had been done, vowed that the next time he caught the mischievous boy that way, he would throw him into the canal, which ran close by. The child listened to the oaths of his father, and then calmly looking up to him, though still suffering excruciating pain from the effects of the lime, said:

"Father, don't do that, let's pity him for not having more sense."

The expression was sincere; the father felt it to be so, and the threat was never executed. If the reader of this be a schoolboy, I would say to him: "Go and do thou likewise," and when anyone wilfully or accidentally injures you, revenge not, but pity him, and pray for him, that he may get wisdom and understanding. Oh! what a different world this would be, if every little scholar were a pitying and a praying scholar.

Young persons should, above all things, beware of beginnings, and by no means parley with temptations; their greatest security is in flight, and in the study to avoid all occasions of evil; for the cockatrice, which may be easily crushed in the egg, if suffered to hatch and grow up, will prove a deadly serpent hard to be destroyed. Food for Young Appetites

WHAT IS THE WORD?

"The Lord is my ———, and my fortress, and my deliverer." 2 Sam. 22:2; Ps. 18:2.

"Lead me to the ——— that is higher than I." Ps. 61:2.

"... A wise man, which built his house upon a ———." Matt. 7:24.

"Then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the ——— of his salvation." Deut. 32:15.

Answer: rock.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I do trust that you appreciate your mother and father. Not many have good parents who love the Lord in this world. Some have parents who are not cruel to them but they do not teach them the way to heaven. But there are some who have parents who are cruel to them. Some parents slap and knock their children around just as they feel like it. Many parents drink and that causes them to be mean to their children. But on the other hand when one has good parents, it is easy sometimes to be thoughtless and ungrateful.

Our lesson is about a boy who was eight years old when he became king of Judah. Of course he had others to help him rule, yet he was the king. His name was Josiah. Josiah had a wicked father and grandfather. His grand-

father, Manasseh, built altars for the people to worship the stars, moon, and sun. He even built these altars in the house of the Lord. One time he sacrificed his own son on an altar. How awful! He shed much innocent blood and caused the people of Judah to sin. (2 Kings 21:16). He ruled for 55 years. Then Manasseh's son, Amon, ruled. He, also forsook the Lord God of his fathers. The servants of Amon killed him in his own house and then the people killed those who had killed the king. They then took eight-year-old Josiah and made him king. Poor Josiah surely had some heartaches for a boy so young. But, boys and girls, God can help you do right even if your parents do wrong. Good sons may come from bad fathers. We are each one accountable to God for ourselves and not for others.

No doubt Josiah had a good mother. Her name was Jedidah which means "beloved." Josiah's grandmother's name was Adaiah which means "whom Jehovah adorns." Josiah's mother and the high priest no doubt helped Josiah rule until he was old enough to know how.

When Josiah was 26 years old he began to make some changes in the kingdom. He loved God and did that which was right in the sight of God. He did not follow in the footsteps of his father. We must not follow those whom we love if they do wrong. It takes courage to do right in the face of the wrong of our loved ones.

Our lesson tells us how King Josiah had all the people, great and small, gather together and he read to them the words of the Lord, as he stood by a pillar of the temple. He tore down their altars to idols and set the worship in the temple in order as God had commanded. He turned toward the Lord with all his heart, might and soul. Today God wants boys and girls to love

Him with all their hearts. He will bless them just as he blessed Josiah who turned to Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, December 12, 1965

JOSIAH

2 Kings 22:1, 2; 23:1-5, 25

2 Kings 22:1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

23:1 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord.

3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door,

to bring forth out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.

5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

Memory Verse: Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereunto according to thy word. Psalm 119:9.

Central Thought: God needs boys and girls who will not be afraid to stand for right.

1. How old was Josiah when he became king?

2. Tell some of the wicked things that his father and grandfather did.

3. Do boys and girls have to do wrong because their parents do wrong?

4. Tell the steps that Josiah took to reform the people's ways.

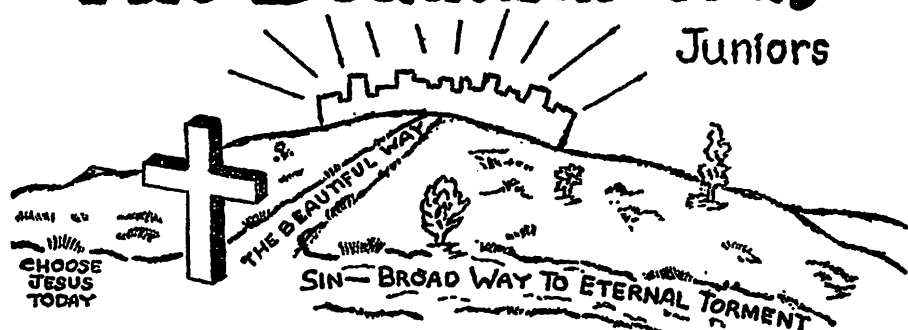
5. What does the Bible tell us about Josiah's heart?

6. Should we read the Bible so we can know what God requires of us?

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The Weeping Prophet

Weeping for God's people fallen
Jeremiah visions saw
Of a better day a coming
In accordance with God's law.

How his heavy heart responded
With triumphant joy and praise
Taking courage for the conflict,
He lived out his mortal days.

Weep no more! Break forth in singing!

Christ has come for you and me,
To the weary heart is bringing
Life and peace and victory!

—Leslie Busbee

In Jesus' Name

"Mother, Jerry said that I couldn't give Jesus a gift," Jane said as she came into the room where Mother was ironing. "Our teacher said that if we gave a gift to someone else, it was just like giving it to Jesus. She told us to all bring a gift for

Jesus to the Sunday School class to be given to some needy boy or girl."

"I think that is real nice," Mother said. "Yes, we want to give all the things that we give to Jesus."

"But, Mother, how can we do that?" said Jerry as he came into the room after hearing Jane tell Mother what he had said.

"Jerry, get my Bible over there and turn to Mark 9:41," Mother said as she continued ironing. Jerry picked up Mother's Bible that was open so she could read some in it as she ironed. He turned to the verse and read, "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."

"All right, who are you to give the cup of water to and in whose name are you to do it?" asked Mother.

"I guess if you gave a cup of water to just anyone and did it in the name of Jesus, you would get a reward," said Jerry.

"That is right," said Mother. "Now turn over to Matt. 25:41 and read that verse."

"And the king shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," read Jerry.

"So if you do good things and give gifts in the name of Jesus you really are giving it to Jesus," Mother said. "I hope that you children will always remember this. Always do good and give things because you are doing it for Jesus. That is laying up your treasures in heaven. There is a big difference in giving to people and giving to Jesus. If you would give Mary or Joe a gift at Christmas time and don't give it as to the Lord or in his name you might feel hurt if Joe or Mary didn't take good care of it or if they didn't keep it but if you gave it to Jesus you will know that you have done what you felt Jesus wanted you to do and forget about it. One time a woman gave a preacher some money and then that woman watched to see what it was used for. An older girl in the family had some money of her own and she bought some new clothes. The woman felt that the preacher had used the money she had given him to buy the new clothes and she didn't like what the girl had chosen. She talked about it to others and said she wasn't going to give that preacher any more money. Finally she found out that she had been all wrong. The preacher didn't even know what his daughter had bought. He had not used the money she had given except as he felt right to do so. Now you see, if that woman had given her money to the Lord instead of giving it to the preacher, she would not have been so troubled. If the preacher had not spent it right, then he would have had to give an account to God for it, but the woman would still

have received her reward. When God makes us know to give something or do something, we want to do it because we are doing it for Him."

"Oh, I see how it is," said Jerry.

"I told you our teacher said for us to bring a gift for Jesus that some needy child would like," said Jane. "But, Mother, I don't know what to give to Jesus. I love Jesus so very, very much. My gift must be something real nice."

"I am going to let you talk to Jesus about that and He will make you know what to give," said Mother.

"I will give you something to take to give to Jesus for me, too," said Jerry.

When the time came for Jerry and Jane to go to Sunday School, Mother asked them what they were going to take. Jerry asked his mother if she cared if he took his Bible Story book that she had given him as he had enjoyed reading it very much. She thought that would be nice. Jane had chosen her very best doll to take. She had wrapped it up and as she carried it she thought, "Oh, I do hope some little girl will love it as much as I have loved it. I know that Jesus will be glad to see that little girl real happy when she opens this package."

—Marie Miles

"Let's Believe God"

Do you understand everything you believe? Think of that for a moment.

"I will not believe anything but what I understand," said a self-confident young man.

"Nor will I," said another.

"Neither will I," continued a third young man.

"Boys," said a fourth young man, "do I understand you correctly—that you will not believe anything that you don't understand?"

"I will not," said one, and so said each one of the trio.

"Well," said the fourth boy, "this morning we saw some geese in a field eating grass. Do you believe that?"

"Certainly," said the three boys.

"We also saw pigs eating grass. Do you believe that?"

"Of course," said the three.

"And we also saw sheep and cows eat grass. Do you believe that?"

"Of course," it was replied.

"Well, but grass which they had formerly eaten had, by digestion, turned to feathers on the backs of the geese, to bristles on the backs of the swine, to wool on the sheep, and on the cows it had turned to hair. Do you believe that?"

"Certainly," said the three boys.

"Yes, you believe it," the fourth boy said, "but do you understand it?"

The three boys were confounded and silent. Evidently, they were ashamed, as they might well be.

—B. M.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I am sure that most of you are thinking about Christmas. It is good to think about the best gift in the world, which is Christ, at this time, but we should think of Him every day. Think of the great love that God had for this world. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. God so loved us that it caused Him to give. Boys and girls, we should give because we love. It's not so much the gift but we must give from

a love in our hearts for God and the one to whom we give. We do not always have to give gifts, but we can give kindness, good words, a helping hand, courtesy, and our strength to help in many, many ways. We should not always be thinking about receiving, but should think about giving. Some feel badly because others do this or that but we should be so busy doing for others and thinking about the things we can do that we won't notice just how we are being treated. That will bring happiness. Let us be like God. Let us love others so much that we can give to them.

Our lesson today is about Jeremiah. He was called the weeping prophet. He started his work in the days of the young king Josiah. He was sad at the death of Josiah because he helped the people love God. After Josiah died the people turned away from God and did evil. How sad! They had promised God that they would obey Him but now they turned away from their promise. Boys and girls, the devil would try to get you to turn away from God, too. But you must not yield to the enemy. Jeremiah stood firm even if most of the people turned away from God. He told them what God wanted them to do from the king down to the lowest in the kingdom.

Because Jeremiah did right he was separated from his family. Jeremiah was put in a deep dungeon because he told the king what God had told him to tell him. Even in the dungeon he was determined to stand true to God.

Rachel stood for the people who were in captivity weeping. Jeremiah tells them there is hope for them. He prophesies of Jesus, the Branch of righteousness to come. He said that when Jesus came, He would write the laws of God in the hearts of His people. Under the

old law they could not live without sinning, but today since Jesus has come and brought salvation, the Holy Spirit gives us power to live without sin each day. This was a wonderful thing that God showed to Jeremiah hundreds of years before it came to pass. Today we are enjoying the blessings of salvation.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, December 19, 1965

JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 31:15-17; 33:14-16; 31:31-34

Jer. 31:15 Thus saith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

16 Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

17 And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

33:14 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The Lord our righteousness.

31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Memory Verse: In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. Jer. 33:15.

Central Thought: Jesus brought a new life for the world.

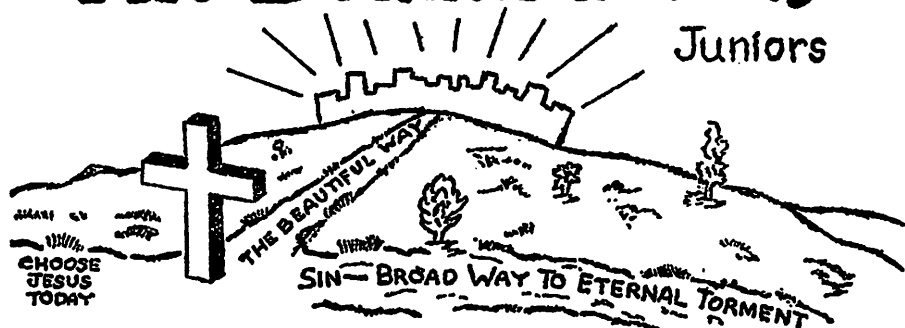
QUESTIONS:

1. Whom was our lesson about?
2. Why was he often called the "weeping prophet"?
3. What hope did he offer to those who believed his preaching?
4. Where was God's law to be written when Jesus came?
5. What are we to give to God who gave us His best gift?

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Part Thirteen

Dec. 26

The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and
all through the air,
Was the joy of good tidings that
Christ had put there.

The people were singing carols of His
grace,

Of the Babe in the manger with His
sweet shining face.

They told of how shepherds from
their flock on the hill,

Had come to the stable to the Babe,
calm and still.

The wise men who traveled from a
country afar,

Found the Child when they followed
the bright gleaming star.

They brought Him gifts, the value un-
told, of frankincense,

Myrrh, and a present of gold.

That's why on Christmas the carols
we sing

Of the fairest Lord Jesus, our Sav-
iour and King!

—○—
Those who are idle do nothing and
are always ready to do that which is
worse than nothing.

A Christmas Welcome Home

"For God so loved the world that
He gave His only begotten Son that
whosoever believeth on Him should
not perish."

The train was crowded, and the only
seat left was beside a young lad who
looked to be no more than fifteen
years of age. The minister set his
handbag down and sat beside the boy.
Desiring to be pleasant, he made some
commonplace remarks about the fact
that everyone was hurrying home for
Christmas, but the lad did not answer,
he had been crying. Puzzled, the
minister ceased his attempts at con-
versation and waited for the boy to
speak.

It was going to be a white Christ-
mas all right. Great flakes of snow
were coming down, and the window
was almost covered. He thought of
the long ride ahead of him and won-
dered how far the boy had to go.

"Excuse me, son. I do not know
about your troubles, and you do not
have to tell me unless you want to—
but, I am a preacher, and I might be

able to help you with your problem."

The boy looked at the minister for a moment, and then said, "I want to tell you—I have got to tell someone."

"All right, then—let's hear it."

The boy laid his head back and looked out the window as he began, "I guess I do not deserve much Christmas, but I cannot help wanting it. I have been away from home four months now. I got fed up with school and all the chores I had to do. Nothing ever happens in our town. Dad has a store, and farms on the side. We keep two cows, too. I got tired of milking them in the winter mornings before daylight and then coming home from school to feed and water them all over again. All the older fellows were getting jobs.

"One day I ran away from home. I did not think much about how bad it was, or how I would get along after I got to where I was going. I just went—hopped a freight train that went through town early in the morning, and by night I was in St. Louis. I had never seen as big a place as that, and I was scared. I had some money with me, but it did not last long . . . I guess grown folks can tell how old a boy is no matter how big he looks. They told me to go back home—but you see, that was the trouble. I felt my parents would be angry with me, and even if they were not, I hated to go sneaking back like a whipped dog. I got awful lonesome, especially at night. I went home with another boy, but it was not like my home.

"Finally, I wrote Dad. I did not give him an address, but I told him I would be on this train today. If they wanted me, I would stop; if they didn't want me, I would keep on going. I guess it was a foolish thing to do,

but I just could not stand to think of getting a letter from him telling me he did not want me back, and I did not want him to come after me. I figured out this way, so it would be easier on us all. But now I'm scared!"

The preacher looked at his young companion and knew that he meant it. "What are you afraid of, son?" he asked.

"I am afraid they won't want me."

"But how will you know?"

He rubbed his fist on the steamy pane until a small portion was clear. It was growing dark now, and the snow was falling fast, but the few houses stood out as if etched against the soft, fuzzy sky.

"Just a little farther," he said in a low voice, and then he hid his eyes. "I can't look," he said, desperately, "I can't!"

"What is it you're looking for? Some sign to let you know if they are expecting you?"

"Yes, that's it," came the muffled reply, "I told Dad if he wanted me back, to tie a white rag in the old apple tree in the front yard. It is near the railroad, and we can see it plainly. We're just about there now, but, I just can't look!"

He was crying now; the minister's eyes were misty. Leaning over, he put an arm around the youngster and patted his shoulder. "I'll be your eyes—I'll be your eyes—I'll tell you when I see it."

"But I'm afraid you won't see it," he sobbed. "I'm afraid they won't tie the rag there; I'm afraid they don't want me any more."

Suddenly the hoarse note of the train whistle broke in upon them and the boy sat up. "We are almost there," he cried. "You look, and see—I can't."

The train was slowing to a stop as it came around a long curve. The minister strained his eyes to peer through the falling snow. He must not fail. But he need not have worried for a half-blind man could have seen THAT tree.

Laughing and crying, the minister pulled the lad up to the window. "Look there," he said, "the apple tree is all bloomed out!

And sure enough it was, for upon its bare branches, not one, but at least fifty white rags gaily fluttered in the brisk wind like victory banners of forgiving love.

Such is the spirit of Christmas, and such is the welcome and unbounded forgiveness of our heavenly Father when the penitent sin-sick wanderer returns to the Father's house. —Sel.

Very often we must do things we do not feel like doing. Mother may not feel like getting up to prepare breakfast, but she does anyway. Father may not feel like going to work on a cold winter morning, but he braves the wind and snow in order that he may earn money to buy food, fuel, and clothing for his family. And Juniors must learn to do many things they do not feel like doing.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our hearts are rejoicing as we again think about the great love of God to all people. We think of our precious Saviour, Jesus Christ, every day but we probably don't think of him every day as having been a tiny baby one time. Today it is good for us to think that he once was living here on this earth as a

little boy and grew up as all normal children grow. He was a boy like other boys, only his real father was God. All boys and girls who are born into this world have an earthly father but Jesus did not have an earthly father. His mother was Mary and her husband was Joseph. God told Joseph that He was going to give Mary a child. Joseph accepted that fact and took care of Jesus as his own child. Jesus, no doubt, helped Joseph, who was a carpenter, when he grew older, but as a little boy he likely played in the shavings and made houses out of the extra pieces of wood.

It wasn't until he was twelve years old that he seemed to fully realize that he had something to do for God. That is the age that the scriptures let us know that he felt his call to talk to the wise men at the temple about the deep things of God that they themselves marvelled about. Boys and girls, God has something for you to do for Him. Don't ever feel that you are too young to tell others about the Lord. There are many old people who can't get out much any more that would enjoy having you stop and visit with them. You can run errands for them and help them in many ways. One dear lady was blind and she was so happy for a little girl I knew to stop by to see her a few minutes nearly every day. She looked forward to her coming. Then, of course, there is much you can do for the Lord right in your own home. Helping Mother is working for the Lord.

Our lesson is the wonderful story of those shepherds who had lived so close to God that God wanted them to be in on the most wonderful secret that had ever been revealed to the world. No doubt that very night as they watched their sheep and looked up into the sky they were talking about how much they wished God would send the Messiah to

the world. What a wonderful joy filled their souls when the angels appeared to them, telling them the wonderful story of Jesus' birth! They hurried to Bethlehem to see the precious babe that had been born and laid in a manger. Boys and girls, it pays to live close to God. He will let us know many wonderful things. No doubt there were many shepherds watching their sheep that night but they were not chosen to hear the glad tidings.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, December 26, 1965

JESUS IS BORN

Luke 2:7-20

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Memory Verse: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14.

Central Thought: If we live close to God, He will reveal many of His secrets to us, even as He did the shepherds.

QUESTIONS:

1. In what city was Jesus born?
2. What was he wrapped in and where was he laid?
3. What did the angels say to the shepherds on the hillside?
4. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think of all those things that had happened?
5. Who is the real Father of Jesus and who is his guardian?

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